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There was one drawback to the American tour, however—that it brought with it an amount of wear and tear to which his strength was scarcely equal. Rest was becoming a necessity; and he would not rest. His brother's country vicarage was always open to him, but it was hard to get him there, and harder still to hold him.

"We often found that he had brought a bag full of papers with him, and it generally ended in his returning to tewn on some pressing business before the term of his visit had expired. There was an intensity in everything he did, even when he was supposed to be taking a holiday. If he went to a concert, it was as a student of music. If he read a novel, he analysed and annotated it. I remember a tour I took with him in Germany; he was a charming companion, but to get in his society the repose that we both required was a difficult matter. To see everything, to go everywhere, with a disregard of distance or fatigue, this was his daily programme. His indomitable energy carried him through everything; but it was a source of danger, it began to wear him out."

In February 1877 weakness declared itself in one lung. He was sent off to the Medi-terranean, and by the time he reached Mentone the apex of the left lung was found to be consolidated. Still he was pronounced "a good case," but warned that the cure would take two years. In November 1877 he went to Egypt, and spent the winter between Cairo, Helouan-les-Bains, and a dahabyah on the Nile. But the insidious disease would not be checked, and on his return to Cairo it was found that he had lost several pounds of flesh. Notwithstanding, on his return to this country in June 1878, he plunged into work with characteristic energy. Of course he soon broke down, and a condition of fever set in which was the beginning of the end. He returned to Egypt, and established himself at Luxor, where was an hotel which he liked, and an English physician in whom he had confidence. Here, on February 1, 1879, he died, and his remains were deposited in the little English buryingground on the outskirts of the city on the road towards Karnac.

Appleton's life was thus a very brief one; and yet he had done in it a life's work. This work must be looked for in the practical energy which he threw into the propagation of the idea—the organisation of the confused pêle mêle of English life, the introduction of the order and rule of science into our haphazard rule-of-thumb procedure. We must not take what the editor has modestly entitled his "Literary Relics" as the substantive result of his thirty-eight years of life. Appleton's was not a literary life, and the papers con-

tained in this volume are to be regarded but as a part of his biography. Their interest is mainly personal. The paper called "A Plea for Metaphysic" is the most interesting in this point of view. It is in form a criticism of Matthew Arnold, and is not easily read, because it follows in detail the statements of another writer. But it is in substance a production on the speculative side of the same idea which prompted Appleton's energy on the practical side-a plea for the recognition of the higher law as controlling individualismthe Englishman's desire to do "what he likes" in conduct, and to think "what he likes" in speculation. Appleton rebukes the literary man for his depreciation of philosophy, a cheap mode of recommending oneself to the favour of the British public, and reminds Mr. Arnold that the Philistines whom he is encouraging to sneer at metaphysics despise letters no less. The exposure in this essay of the fallacy of a common-sense philosophy made easy for everybody is not original, but is very neatly done. In Matthew Arnold's dictum, "The object of religion is conduct, and conduct is the simplest thing in the world," both members of the assumption are denied. The reader is reminded of the large part which disinterested curiosity about the origin and destiny of the world has in many, if not in all, religions; and that, as society increases in complexity, conduct becomes more and more difficult.

Two essays, "On Doubt" and "On Atheism," reprinted at the end of the volume, must be regarded with indulgence in consideration of the early date at which they were composed, which explains their crudity of thought and the appearance of an amount of reading hastily got together. A comparison of these youthful productions with "A Plea for Metaphysic" will show how Appleton had grown in the later years of his life. Notwithstanding the claims upon his active energies made by the conduct of this journal and his other engagements, and in spite of the languor of incipient lung disease, his intellect had wonderfully expanded, and at the age when most men give up thinking Appleton was still making anxious advances towards "that serenity which comes from having made order among ideas."

Keating's History of Ireland. Book I.
Part I. Edited with Gaelic Text &c.,
by P. W. Joyce, LL.D., M.R.I.A.
(Dublin: Gill & Son.)

IRISH literary activity seems almost always to coincide with some stir in the current of Irish political life; and the present reviving interest among Irishmen in a language which they have for the most part neglected is probably to be similarly explained. However this may be, we hope the movement for the preservation of the native language will last, and will have success. The book before us is one of several publications called forth by this movement, appearing under the auspices of one of the societies recently formed in Dublin with the laudable object of fostering the Irish tongue.

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interest of the text. It is, indeed, hardly necessary to say that such a collection of old bardic traditions is not a history in the modern sense. Keating's narrative everywhere stands in need of a critical commentary. Thus, to take as a random example his explanation of Banba, one of the numerous poetical names for Ireland:—

"The Book of Dromsneachta says that Banbha was the name of the first maiden who took Erin before the flood, and that it is from her Erin is called Banbha. Thrice fifty women came there and three men. . . After they had been forty years in the island, a plague fell on them, so that they all died in one week. Two hundred years after that Erin was desert, empty, without anyone alive in it, so that after that came the flood."

A commentator might remark that in such legends a plague is a common bardic expedient to make one mythical colony give place to another; and that Banbha (banbh, a young pig), like Muc-Inis, another old name for the isle, most probably means nothing but Pig Island.

"For it was the shape of a swine that appeared to the sons of Miled on every hill-top and every hill-fort in Eriu, when they were sailing round it, and desired to take land by force in it, after the laying of spells on it by the Tuatha Dé Danann"—

So says the *Tochmarc Émere*.* This name and legend are, without doubt, related to Welsh traditions of the Twrch Trwyth, and to more modern Irish legends of the Black Pig.†

O'Mahony, in his edition of Keating (which, however, wants the Irish text), has given much interesting illustrative matter. In the present little work Dr. Joyce's attention was necessarily directed rather to providing a good text and adding such gram-matical notes as would be useful to the learner. Of the way in which he has done this one can only speak in terms of praise. The text is a good one (except as regards one peculiarity mentioned farther on); it is printed, apparently very carefully, in the proper native character; the notes, if rudimentary, are plain and serviceable; and a very useful vocabulary is given at the end of the book. In the English portion the proper names are given with an accuracy too seldom met with in works of the kind. Two or three minor criticisms occur to us. The name of the island is not written Eriu, or even Eire, as in modern Irish books, but Erin, an oblique case. Instead of "Gaelic" we should write "Irish." And the endings in o-which are characteristic of the MS. used-inbhior for inbhear, &c .- may cause some slight embarrassment to the young reader.

DAVID FITZGERALD.

The Proselytes of Ishmael: being a Short Historical Survey of the Turanian Tribes in the Western Migrations; with Notes and Appendices. By Charles Ingham Black, B.A., Vicar of Burley-in-Wharfedale, near Leeds. (Evelyns.)

By Ishmael Mr. Black means Mohammadans, and by the proselytes thereof the "Turanian"

^{*} Harl. 5280, fol. 21 a. + Cf. also the Boar as a national symbol of the

converts to Islam, the successive hordes who invaded and conquered the empire of the Khalifs only to accept the religion they represented. His book is a sketch of the various westerly migrations of the nomads from Central Asia who are included in the vague term Turanian, which, to do Mr. Black justice, he does not attempt to apply scientifically, but merely uses to indicate "those innumerable families which, disowned by the familiarly defined stocks of Shem and Japhet, and reputedly of Hamitic descent, occupy still the larger portion of the old world, and are sown broadcast through that which we still venture to call the new." Of course he begins long before Ishmael or the Ishmaelite religion; and the first of the seventeen migrations into which he classes the westerly movements of these Asiatic nomads is the pre-Aryan wave, the second the Scythian invasions, and the third the Refugee (Hun) migration, which brings us to the Christian era. Nevertheless, the title holds good, as the bulk of the volume is concerned with post-Islamic inroads.

The early migrations are drawn with a very slight touch, and, except for some ethnological peculiarities, do not call for notice. Mr. Black's theories of race are bold and sweeping, but it would not be profitable here to engage in a discussion of his suggestions anent the Turanian origin of the Hyksos and Phoenicians, and the identification of Cheops with a Tatar. The second part of the volume is more detailed. Its three chapters on the Huns and Avars are chiefly notable for an undisguised hatred of the Church and an unqualified admiration of all barbarians. Attila, " he descendant in the thirty-fifth degree of Ham, the son of Noah," is Mr. Black's hero. His comments on the famous interview between the King of the Huns and St. Leo, when the Apostles Paul and Peter came down from heaven to honour the saint's supposed devotion, are very sensible, but curiously unexpected from the Vicar of Burley-in-Wharfedale. He then relates the story of King Etzel and Chriemhild (as he prefers to write the name), and sums up Attila's character thus:-

"A greatly magnanimous man. Compared with the leading men of his own time, Christian or otherwise, compared with the terrible afterleaders of Turan—more virtuous in his virtues, less vicious in his vices; not more sanguinary than many so-called Christian soldiers; more merciful than Alva; more self-denying than Napoleon; moved by truer impulses than the fainéant emperors of his age-he has not won from history a generous, because an impartial, estimate. His humanity, indeed, to Rome is remembered, but only because Christians have recorded the virtues of Christians whose prayers he granted. His name glooms the history of centuries; 'linked'—and scarcely that-'to one virtue and a thousand crimes', (p. 64).

It is a strange choice of simile that would recommend a "greatly magnanimous" man because he was "more merciful than Alva," and this is the first time, we believe, the epithet "self-denying" has been applied to Napoleon; but we must give Mr. Black credit for a better sense than his words, or the present review would "gloom" the columns of the Academy with a thousand grammatical and orthographical corrections.

"attempted little or nothing in the way of original research." Without saying that a man has no business to write about so difficult and controverted a subject as the westerly migrations without original research, it must at least be laid down that no one ought to write a compilation of the kind aimed at by Mr. Black without enough research to make himself acquainted with the proper authorities. In these chapters on the Huns and Avars, and in the succeeding chapters on the Bulgarians, Comans, and Magyars, it is obvious that we have Gibbon "dessiccated" (as Mr. Black would say) and very little more. It is hardly necessary to point out that ethnology has not stood still since Gibbon's time, and that of all subjects that of the barbarian invasions requires the fullest possible apparatus of modern research. So, too, when we come to part iii., on the Mongol migrations, we find that Gibbon is the principal or only authority in many places, while here and there an inconsistent spelling betrays the borrowing from another writer. Mr. Black, moreover, is so obviously ignorant of Oriental matters, despite his devotion to Turan, that we cannot be sure he has even copied correctly from his unknown and possibly incorrect authorities; while his abstracts of Gibbon only too blankly remind us of their source and their inverse transmutation by the Burley-in-Wharfedale philosopher's stone. Mr. Howorth's recent and invaluable labours are apparently unknown to Mr. Black; and the name of d'Ohsson does not appear. "Original research" may be excused, but sufficient bibliographical knowledge to ensure the most recent discoveries and the latest developments is essential; and to publish a book on a learned subject without such preparation is an insult to the reader.

The chapters on the Mongol invasions will serve to show the careless manner in which Mr. Black has thrown together his collection of abstracts. Tschingis, as the word Jingis or Chenghiz is laboriously written, died in 1227; yet in p. 86 a "campaign of Tschingis" is said to be "looming near" in 1238. The great Kaan's Khitan prime minister Yeliu-Chutsai is called (p. 87) "the patriotic mandarin Telutchousay," and Juji and Jagatai are called Toushi and Zagatai (87), though afterwards (131)
"Tshudic families" are referred to.
"Holagou" (88) or "Hulaku" (121) is
stated to be "second in command" under Mangu and Khubilai, whereas he was local dynast or Ilkhan of Persia. Batu is styled "son of Tuli" (88), whereas he was son, not of Tului, but Juji. Sheyban (not "Shebanai,") is described as invading Siberia when Batu was invading Hungary; instead of which, as a matter of fact he went with Batu to Europe, and so distinguished himself that the latter made him King of Hungary (a somewhat nominal royalty) and gave him the tribes afterwards known as Uzbegs as his appanage. The Duke of Silesia did not "encounter Batu (April 9, 1242) at Liegnitz" (89); the battle of Liegnitz was fought on April 9, 1241, and the Mongol leader was not Batu (who commanded another army), but Baidar, son of Jagatai. Timur's attacks upon Toktamish are described (96) without a word

Mr. Black states in his Preface that he has about the previous support afforded by Timur, whereby Toktamish secured the command, first of the White Horde, and then of all Kipchak. Schlegel's foolish suggestion that Mohammad forbade wine to his followers "as an attack upon the most blessed institution of the Gospel is quoted (96) as reasonable, instead of being exposed as false. That Egypt recognised the authority of Timur (102) by prayer and coin is a statement that might be hard to prove. To be "devoted to chess" can hardly be called a "literary proclivity," even " to adopt a euphemism o our fair-speaking age" (104). Batu was succeeded by Sertak, but not by "Ulaghji" (121). Bereke was not the first Mongol converted to Islam (126); Tuka-Timur anticipated him. The river where Bereke was defeated is the Terek, not Torek (126). Mangu-Timur died in 1280, not 1283 (126). Tuday and Talabugha (122) ought to be Tuda-Mangu and Tulabugha. Berdibeg's title was not "King of the Just" (123), but "the just King" (Es-Sultanu-l-'ádil). Toktamish was not "son of Urus" (124), but his bitter enemy; and Urus was not "founder of the White Horde," but greatgreat-great-great-grandson of Orda, the founder of it. The dissolution of the Golden Horde took place in 1502, not 1480 (125); the Khanate of Kazan (not Kusan) was absorbed by Russia in 1552, not 1468 (125). In addition to these and a thousand other inaccuracies, a far more important defect must be stated. No one unread in Asiatic history could possibly obtain a connected or comprehensive idea of the history of the Mongols from Mr. Black's chapters.

In the fourth part, which deals with the Turkish race, and occupies half the volume, the same inaccuracy is discovered. After a general introduction on the traditional origin of the Turks, "who emerged at the close of Christ's first millennium," and are still a power in "Christ's nineteenth century"—as though the Founder of Christianity were a Clinton or a Whitaker-Mr. Black comes to what he calls "The Fifteenth Migration. Turki-Turks and the Dynasty of Gh'zni." Mr. Black invariably spells Ghazni in this manner, and it was only after much fruitless speculation that we discovered that the apostrophe was inserted by way of a little joke. Finding that "every vowel save one has been called to do service in the first syllable" of Ghazni, Ghezni, Ghizni, or Ghuznee, he concluded that "the way adopted in the text seems the best for spelling this name" (137). This is mere fooling. Oriental names are puzzling enough to ordinary readers without having practical jokes inserted in them; and the case is not improved when it is remembered that the apostrophe is the sign commonly adopted in transliteration to represent an Arabic guttural peculiarly difficult of pronunciation in Western throats. To proceed to details: on p. 143 the "disorderly viceroy Amru Leith" was 'Amr, son of El-Leith. P. 144, "Of this dynasty of Samanides, who were suzerains of the Sovereign of Khorassan, who again was the suzerain of the Khalif; of this dynasty, Soboktegin, or Sebectagi, which is Mahmud, was lieutenant." It would be hard to find a finer specimen of Mr. Black's confused style. At the time he is referring to, the Samanis were themselves Sovereigns of

Khorassan, and thus, without disputing the etymological but unusual use of the word suzerain, the first part of the sentence is a blunder. "Sebectagi, which is Mahmud," is a fine Scriptural mode of expression, but is not strictly applicable to the case of father and son; nor is it explained by the statement on the next page (145) that "On his father's death, Ismael, the second son, disputed with Mahmud [the dead father?] the right of suc-Even Mr. Black seems to have seen there was something amiss here, for he adds (147), "Then Sebectagi the elder father and son seem to have borne this name-marched to Lahore." The simple fact is that Mahmud is not Sebektegin at all, but his son. To call "Carmath, the first great puritan preacher of Arabia," who "undertook to spiritualise the Koran," is to display a proto spiritualise the Koran," is to display a profound innocence of the history of Mohammadan dissent. Toghrulbeg's brother was Chaghar, not Jafar (169). The division of the Seljuk dynasties on p. 179 is unhistorical. "Motassem" was not the last of the line of 'Abbâs (188 and 229), but El-Musta'sim, and even he was not the last, since the stock was continued in Egypt. The Turkomans could not retreat "before the advance of Tschingis' about 1234 (192), if the conqueror died in 1227. But it is useless to collect more instances of careless inaccuracy and want of proper study. Such minor points as whether the name of Aeschylus begins with an O, whether Raleigh lost his head because he introduced tobacco, whether the frequent repetition of the word "promptly" is conducive to good prose, or such forms as "bookly shape," "his godship's nose," "warriorhood of the races," "incitied kinsfolk," "chrystallizing," "a capacious bason," "Encyclopaedia Brittanica," and "unicity" are admissible-may be left to the judicious reader. The more serious aspect of such defects is that they are only the trivial signs of a general habit of mind destructive to the true narration of history.

S. LANE-POOLE.

On Book-bindings, Ancient and Modern. Edited by Joseph Cundall. (George Bell & Sons.)

MR. CUNDALL reminds us that he wrote about book-bindings thirty-three years ago, when the subject was one in which only the few took an interest; and he returns to it now, when the art is being cultivated with passion, and when the craze for fine old bindings has become the most widespread, the most acute, and the most ruinous form of bibliomania. Unfortunately for him, the literature of the subject has already become large, so that a writer who deals with it at the present day has to face a good many "odious comparisons." Mr. Cundall must show, for example, if the existence of his book is to be justified, that it contains what is not to be found in the writings of Messrs. Zaehnsdorf. Marius Michel, Gustave Brunet, Charles Blanc, and many others; or at least that he deals with old topics in a new and attractive way. It may be said at once that Mr. Cundall's way is not attractive. The book is written in the very oddest style, and the

truly exasperating. What, for example, could a history of them may have as deep an interest be more comically incoherent than this passage, which comes from Mr. Cundall's account of Derome?-

"Tooled morocco was his favourite style, and upon choice books he stamped his beautiful design of a bird with outstretched wings, the only decoration he indulged in. He bound a large number of books belonging to the celebrated amateur Hangard d'Hincourt, whose library was sold in 1789. A letter written to him by Naigeon gives minute directions for the binding. Derome was a very rapid as well as skilful binder. A copy of La Fontaine's Fables bound by him was bought by M. Bruet [sic] for 675 francs; it afterwards fetched 10,000 francs, and finally was sold for 13,000 francs (£520). It is a valuable book, in two small volumes.

The last sentence is delicious, but unluckily the frequent occurrence of such surprises does not tend to make a book readable. Cundall's book is rendered quite unreadable by his deplorable ignorance of the rudiments

of composition.

Those who care to make their way through pages written in this thorny style will find in the volume a fair number of anecdotes about celebrated book-binders in the past and some information about the processes of the art; and there are twenty-eight facsimile illustrations. But in no respect can Mr. Cundall's work be called satisfactory. The historical part makes no pretence at scientific treatment. The illustrations are not nearly varied enough; and why, unless the book has other merits of a different kind, should one give 31s. 6d. for twenty-eight plates, if one can buy for the same money 116 equally good ones in La Reliure ancienne et moderne? In the practical department the volume does not contain a hundredth part of the information which anyone can procure for 3 frs. 50 c. in the excellent little volume (Le Relieur) in the Encyclopédie Roret-a volume which does not appear in Mr. Cundall's scanty list of authorities. Add to this that the writer is constantly being drawn into the most strangely blundering expressions, partly by his want of literary skill and partly by what seems like positive want of knowledge. What, for example, is meant by "a comic epic poem called 'The Lectern,' referred to by Boileau "? Is this a way to describe Le Lutrin? Again, Mr. Cundall, who speaks of Samuel Pepys' mention of book-binding in his Diary, has no suspicion that Pepys' own books, in Pepys' own book-cases, are still in existence at Magdalene College, Cambridge. How, too, can book-binding be said to have "been brought to perfection" by Aldus, Maioli, and Grolier, no one of whom ever bound a book in his life? This curious confusion in thought and statement is characteristic of Mr. Cundall. T. H. WARD.

THE HISTORY OF THE LAW OF PROPERTY.

Ensayo sobre la Historia del Derecho de Propiedad y su Estado actual en Europa. Por G. de Azcárate. Tomos I., II. (Madrid.)

"A CHANGE in the form of a government is only a political, a transformation of the civil laws of a State marks a social, revolution.' It is the history of these transformations in Europe that Prof. de Azcárate traces in the arrangement of paragraphs and sentences is volumes before us; and the result shows that

for the thoughtful student as any narrative of political revolutions.

The plan of the work strikes us as remarkably good. The author, after an outline of the laws which regulated the rights of property and the modes of succession in early historical and in classical times, divides his subject into four epochs—the Barbarian, the Feudal, the Monarchical, and the Revolutionary. Each of these periods is introduced by chapters describing in detail the institutions peculiar to them, and their con nexion with preceding times; then follows an account of the actual practice in each of the principal States of Europe, and the section is closed by a chapter containing the author's

conclusions on the whole.

A Spanish writer has in some respects peculiar advantages for writing a history of this kind. He is able from the customs, institutions, and tenures of his own country to trace out the connexion and evolution of successive systems more clearly than can be done elsewhere. By reason of the many survivals from anterior epochs he has actual data before him which no other European author possesses in a like degree. For instance, feudalism never attained the full development in Spain which it reached in many other countries. More fully introduced into Catalonia and Arragon than elsewhere, it halted in various stages of its growth in the other provinces. It thus assumed what appear like peculiar forms; but a Spanish historian has little more to do than to arrange these in due succession to be able to read off the history of its development from the institutions of the preceding periods. It is thus, our author concludes, that, "while the form of feudalism is Teutonic, its materials were Roman, and it was Imperial law that gave precision to its vague and undefined relations." He marks, too, that entails (vinculaciones) arose not in the most flourishing period, but at the beginning of the decline of the feudal aristocracy, when its political importance was disappearing, and it was aiming only at a courtier and social rank. Our author quotes the protests of Spanish statesmen and bishops of the sixteenth century against the introduction of entails, as well as the laws passed to limit their application. They are explained theoretically as "a combination of the Roman 'fidei commissum' with the principle of Teutonic masculinity and of feudal primogeniture.'

The development of the doctrines of the Revolutionary period are traced in two currents—one, philosophical, from Grotius to Rousseau; the other, historical, from Machiavelli to Montesquieu, issuing in a change from absolutism and privilege to liberty and equality. Though writing in a wholly liberal spirit, and approving most of the reforms of the Revolution, our author laments that its work has been almost entirely negative and destructive. He finds fault with its exaggerated individuality, its antipathy to all forms of association; and holds that it has not, as it might have done with profit, built upon and developed some of the sounder principles of earlier periods. He questions whether, in their neglect of the principle of collective rights, the Jurists themselves may

not have sown the seeds of the violent and revolutionary socialism of our day. In the same sense he enquires whether the principle of possession of the soil by right of "prescription"—which, in the Middle Ages, so often converted the serf into the free pro-prietor—may not yet, in the future, "by a slow, and just, and pacific change, transform the husbandman and tenant into a proprietor," especially when the latter is habitually absent, and, by spending the rent wholly elsewhere, renders the wealth which should have been reproductive unprofitable and unproductive for the land. This right of prescription, which has worked in all ages, this "mysterious authority of time," may bestow a right in property to two factors still unrecognisedpossession and labour. At the same time, he remarks, "the enormous extension of moveable property in certain countries greatly lessens the transcendental importance of the problems relating to real property, and itself will render them much more easy of solution." This consideration explains the difference in the importance of the land question in England and in Ireland.

The writer notes, as a curious exception, the different conditions of the application of the laws of property with regard to married persons and to all other relations. He shows that in all countries, and from very early times, a freedom of choice as to marriage settlements, the division or succession of property between married persons, has been left greatly to the individuals themselves; and that the amount of choice thus conceded is

contrary to all legal logic.

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We have perhaps said enough to show the value and the interest of the work which we are reviewing. The history is complete in the present volumes. It is carried down to the latest period—e.g., the so-called laws of "intellectual property," the rights of authors, artists, and patentees, are discussed. The Irish Land Bill of 1870 is noticed, and its working remarked on down to 1879. The third and concluding volume, which is far advanced in preparation, will treat of the actual present condition of the laws of property in Europe.

While perusing these volumes and those of Cárdenas on the history of territorial property in Spain, it has occurred to us how interesting and valuable it might be to trace in detail the results of the many different systems of custom of succession and of tenure of property which still prevail in different provinces of Spain; to show by examples their effect on the well-being of the country and on the prosperity of families; to explain how it is that by a difference of tenure the agricultural province of Pontevedra has supported the largest population in Spain, exceeding until the last decade even that of Barcelona, and even now only just below it; in what manner the many different local and private modes of succession have affected different families in the Basque Provinces; what is the effect on agriculture of the annual division of communal property by lot in other parts. Don Vicente de la Fuente in his Discurso Historico (1861), and again in the Boletin de la Sociedad Geográfica (March 1880), has drawn attention to the fact that, while the lands of the "Comunidades de Aragon" under

their imperfect but free administration have remained fertile to the present day, those of the Señors have become barren and "despoblados." It would be interesting to know how many of the other "desiertos," "dehesas," "despoblados" of Spain are due to similar causes. It is perhaps the greatest proof of the merit of the present work that it thus stimulates our desire for more. It is rarely that one finds a treatise of this kind too short.

Wentworth Webster.

Here Mrs. Linton has succeeded in the portrait of a placid, narrow-minded beauty, heroic in her daily sacrifice to Mammon, true as steel to a false ideal of social and home duties, almost pathetic in her devotion to her mother—the only sentiment she permits herself to indulge. The perfect sympathy and friendship of these two frivolous fellow-souls is an admirable touch. The younger sister is, like most of the other characters, a mere burlesque. Mr. Brocklebank, indeed, is simply

NEW NOVELS.

The Rebel of the Family. By E. Lynn Linton. In 3 vols. (Chatto & Windus.) 'Twixt Friend and Foe. By M. A. Wackerbarth. In 2 vols. (Remington & Co.)

Hilary's Love Story. By Georgiana M Craik. "Blue Bell Series." (Marcus Ward & Co.)

Pious Frauds. By Albany de Fonblanque. In 3 vols. (R. Bentley & Son.)

In Pastures Green, and other Tales. By Charles Gibbon. (Chatto & Windus.)

The Story of an Honest Man. By Edmond About. Translated by Bertha Ness. In 3 vols. (Sampson Low & Co.)

WHAT Mrs. Linton means us to infer from her last novel we know no more than she does herself. Perdita, the "Rebel of the Family," is a truthful, energetic, passionate—not to say violent-girl, living at open war with a matchmaking lady-mother and genteel lady-sisters. Disobedience is as the breath of her nostrils, whether against her parent's wishes she engages herself as clerk in the Post Office, joins the Women's Rights Movement, or takes stolen walks with a neighbouring chemist. For the Movement vagaries she is snubbed and reformed by the authoress, who yet winks at the walkings-out and other like matters. In fact, the writer, beginning without any fixed moral basis, flounders into a network of dilemmas, and then leaves poor Perdita to put herself right with the reader how she can. On the whole, we gather that she is meant for a martyred femme incomprise, more especially from her instinct for forming undesirable acquaintances. Nothing can be more grandly ferocious than her rampant love of truth-she scorns the bridle upon her lips whenever, by uncalled-for revelations, she can expose the poverty and frailties of her family, or harry her mother by an effective sceneshe cannot possibly tell a fib to save her sister from infamy and her mother from ruin; but somehow, after this supreme sacrifice to Truth, she can slip out on the sly to the chemist's to revel in a purer moral atmosphere than that of her despised home. This chemist, by-the-by, has a guilty wife somewhere in an asylum, but, of course, she dies off when required. That Perdita should never have learnt or even enquired about her existence, or have resolved the mystery (which, grotesque as it is, we prefer not to explain) of the dark, bullet-headed baby nursed by old Mrs. Crawford, is simply incredible. But, after all, Perdita is a good, well-meaning girl, and quite worth reading about. Her mother is a hackneyed character, but well finished; and the elder sister is still better.

portrait of a placid, narrow-minded beauty, heroic in her daily sacrifice to Mammon, true as steel to a false ideal of social and home duties, almost pathetic in her devotion to her mother—the only sentiment she permits herself to indulge. The perfect sympathy and friendship of these two frivolous fellow-souls is an admirable touch. The younger sister is, like most of the other characters, a mere burlesque. Mr. Brocklebank, indeed, is simply a caricature of a caricature-Josiah Bounderby, without the common-sense. We cannot pretend to accept English baronets who, on being introduced by ladies to French gentlemen, begin by insolently rallying them upon Waterloo and then challenging them. But if the gentlemen are rude throughout the book, the ladies are abusive. One scene, in which the ineffable Mrs. Winstanley calls upon the exclusive Lady Kearney expressly to insult and be insulted, or, in other words, to have it out with the woman, is enough to appal any male reader. In a long and clever description of a Women's Suffrage meeting the authoress, we suppose, has taken off the peculiarities of the leaders of the sisterhood in no kindly spirit. Bell Blount, however, the masculine lady who inveigles Perdita into her friendship, is a character too odious, and the scenes in which she appears too repulsive, even for comment. The style of the book is as bright as usual, but terribly monotonous after a few pages, the padding being compounded of cynical sentiment, seasoned with myriad metaphors. It is, in short, a bad book by a practised writer.

'Twixt Friend and Foe is as feeble in execution as it is ambitious and flighty in conception. It is a serious defect in a book written from a tremendously high moral point of view when that point of view is not even moral at all. Here A., having saved B.'s life, dies in his arms, after exacting an oath of awful vengeance upon one X., who, as a boy, had caused A.'s expulsion from school. B. returns home from India to find the unknown X. engaged to his old sweetheart, X.'s sister being also affianced to B.'s brother. What is poor B. to do? Apparently he does nothing in particular except terrorise the repentant X. by brutal allusions and make everybody wretched by his insufferable impertinence. But through it all this poor Monte Cristo pour rire never once questions the binding nature of this ridiculously wicked oath, though circumstances over which he has no control conduct him to a martyr's death, and so the victim escapes. B., whose real name is Reginald, is usually called Rex, and habitually addresses his Stella as Star.

The new story of the "Blue Bell Series" is a prosy panegyric upon a college prig who, as family tutor, reclaims a houseful of unruly boys and makes pedantic love to their sister This very conceited and supercilious young man, indelibly branded with the vice of perfection, is, of course, a Mr. Hardy—a name somehow consecrated in goody books to this noxious tribe. The girl Hilary is a good girl enough, and the boys tear their clothes and say their lessons quite after the ordinary, but scarcely interesting, manner of their kind.

Pious Frauds, though as a whole inferior,

and in parts very bad, contains work of surprising originality and vigour. The first volume is extremely valuable in that it deals with some interesting types hitherto strangely neglected. Wholly exceptional characters like Becky Sharp, or the forced and subli-mated creations of Dickens, or the smirking dolls selected by lesser novelists as victims for their evil baronets are none of them really representative of the young women of the lower middle-class, among whom might be found many types worthy of exhaustive analysis. Of these, two at least are here studied from life by Mr. de Fonblanque without affectation and with not a little of Balzac's dissecting skill. In May and Sibyl, the niece and ward of a disreputable Radical broker and usurer, he has, perhaps unconsciously, brought out some suggestive points. These girls have so much of the instincts of ladies-and surely that is a good deal—as results from a similar way of wasting their time, a common ignorance, and the use of the same circulating library. Their neglect, or rather defiance, of the convenances is the natural effect of social exclusion, of some spretae injuria formae on the part of women less attractive, if better connected, than themselves. If it falls short of the artistic glamour of Bohemianism, it at least has nothing of its narrow and barren professional arrogance; for, after all, nothing is essentially more conventional than the vie de Bohème itself. On the other hand, we have here the unmistakeable laxity of principle, the almost congenital deceit and untruthfulness, which marks an insecure social footing, in contrast with pure generous impulses and vigorous independence of action, which can seldom be looked for in harmony with the eternal respectabilities. All this, and much more, is forcibly indicated in the flirtations of May and Sibyl with the young officer and his cousin, the supercilious man about town, who becomes as wax in the adroit hands of the provincial little maiden whom he seeks to dazzle and patronise. A few minor characters, brightly sketched, relieve the later part of the book, which is merely melodramatic, and turns upon the fulfilment of a family curse of the usual painfully baronial character.

In his volume of tales Mr. Gibbon again offers some good examples of the nineteenthcentury pastoral, such as it is. While infinitely preferring the sober cheerfulness of the Contemplative Man's Recreation, or the simple, unclouded freshness of Theocritus, to this morbid subtilty, which views even the brightest landscapes through a veil of tears, one can hardly deny that it has added something in its way worth having to the range and depth of sentiment. After all it is Art, and of all arts the hardest to conceal, since it is exhibited in such dangerous contrast to the nature which it pretends to interpret. Yet it must be owned that Mr. Gibbon has on the whole succeeded; he is neither affected nor conventionally idyllic. In his Pastures Green he has really very little to tell; merely how a young farmer sulked because the parson's daughter put off their wedding for her father's sake, and how, when he married another girl, she stuck to her duty and got over her disappointment. There is nothing very heartrending or poetical in all this, and yet, by a

subtle treatment of scenery and studied simplicity of style, a deliciously mournful twilight effect is maintained throughout, with materials which seem destined only for a joyous sunny picture. The second tale is somewhat similar; the later ones, which seem arranged in order of merit, sink into commonplace magazine stories, though in "Dominie Barclay" we find a certain amount of tragic power.

M. About's romance scarcely required translation. No Englishman would have troubled to write, and few to read, the panegyric of a crockery-ware manufacturer who worked up a capital business upon the principles of political economy-couleur de rose. It struck us at once that old Marivaux, after an hour's study of Mill and Bastiat, would have done the thing in just the same airy way and a great deal better. The hero, with his savings' banks, co-operative societies, and movements many and multiform, is a tiresome prig; but his father, the grave, strong peasant; his grandfather, the blind heroic volunteer of '92; and the innately wise grandmother, are forcible studies of those high positive virtues so common in Franceso rare in our own land of negative morality. Nor do we think the prolonged attack upon the repressive convict system pursued in at least the old-fashioned French schools either exaggerated or unnecessary. The story-like all the rest-soon rushes into the quagmire of '70, where it sticks fast, and too slowly expires. This, however, gives M. About an opportunity of purging himself from all complicity with the Empire, and of setting himself right with the powers that be. "Politics were my aversion. The national sovereignty, violently confiscated by one man and stupidly given up by three-fourths of the electors, had become a word devoid of meaning." After Wissenbourg—if not before—matters "assumed a scandalous, infamous, odious, intolerable aspect." "German armies insolently trod the sacred soil." In all which, and much more, we think the gentleman doth protest too much, though after all we are poor judges. The translation is neat, though one adverb, "unchafferingly," partakes somewhat of sesquipedalian licence. E. PURCELL.

CURRENT LITERATURE.

Among the Boers. By John Nixon. (Remington and Co.) Mr. Nixon went to the Cape at the end of 1877 for the benefit of his health. Two years previously a typhoid fever affected his lungs, and he tried Bournemouth and Davos Platz; the effect of the former place he does not mention, but, having benefited by the dry and rarified air of Davos, he was advised to try South Africa for another winter. He landed at Cape Town in November 1877, and made a tour of the Orange River Free State and the Transvaal, which lasted, as far as we can gather. till June 1878, for, though he is most particular in giving the days of the week, he ignores the months, and it is only incidentally—by his mention of the Queen's birthday—that we have any clue to the time of year of his return. He tells us that he writes for two classes of readers—first, for the general reader; and, secondly, for persons in search of a climate suitable for threatened and actual pulmonary disease. The general reader must be already well acquainted with waggon-life in South Africs, and another

book was not needed for his instruction; but the second class for whom Mr. Nixon writes may learn much from his book; but we fear, with all the advantages of climate offered by the high lands of South Africa, there are few—very few
—who can be honestly recommended to try
them. The Cape itself is rather hurtful than beneficial, on account of the dust. To profit by the dry, rarified, and pure air it is necessary to go into the interior. Here two courses are open: either to reside for some time at one spot or to tour about in a waggon. In the former case, the monotony and absence of all resource and of wonotony and absence of all resource and of every accustomed comfort must make a residence of any duration well-nigh intolerable to an invalid. The other course no one without a plentiful supply of money and a fair stock of health must attempt. There is much yet to be learnt as to the effect of the climates of South learnt as to the effect of the chimates of Schall Africa on the lungs. The author mentions that consumption of a very acute type is frequent among the black convicts at Beaufort, a place recommended as a residence for invalids. This is, however, partly accounted for, but no explanation is offered for the fact that among the Mahowas, a Kaffir tribe in the Transvaal organic disease is rare, with the exception of affections of the lungs, from which many suffer. Mr. Nixon certainly says that he himself was very much improved by his trip, but a gentleman with whom he travelled, and who had diseased lungs, died at Cape Town; and it is clear from the narrative that the discomforts of the journey hastened his end. The obvious conclusion from the author's experience is that the time has not yet come for the interior of South Africa becoming a sanatorium for patients suffering from chest complaints. That day is as yet far off, and the state of affairs in the Transvaal is not likely to hasten it. Mr. Nixon devotes a few pages to the subject of emigration, and it would seem that of all classes of persons the best prospect is offered to medical men; he knew one in an up-country village who was making £3,000 a year.

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Old Ali; or, Travels Long Ago. By John Osmaston. (Hatchards.) The fashion at the present day of reproducing the works of ancient Oriental authors would lead one, on reading the title of this book, to believe that "Ali" was perhaps some little-known Mohammedan traveller whose journeys long ago were now for the first time given to the European reader. This peculiar title is explained in the Preface. The travels took place only about twenty years ago, and "Old Ali" was nothing more than the Persian servant who accompanied the author from Teheran to the Mediterranean. He turned out to be a most trusty and faithful attendant, and thus such prominence was given to his name. The taste of the title is doubtful; but then it is exclusively a matter of taste, and everyone has a right to his own feelings. In this case, as it manifests gratitude, it is at least creditable to the author. The journey described was a very long one. Starting from Hull in 1860, the author went first to Norway, and on to the North Cape—the extreme point of Europe in that direction. He came back by Bergen and Stockholm to St. Petersburg; then to Moscow and the Fair of Nijni Novgorod; from thence he went down the Volga to Astrachan, and sailed on the Caspian to Baku. From Baku he pro-ceeded to Teheran by Resht; from Teheran his route was by Hamadan, the ancient Ecbatana; and then by Kermanchar to Bagdad. From this he visited Kerbella, Babylon, and Ctesi-phon; and then went north to Mosul and Nineveh, and on to the Mediterranean by Aleppo and Antioch, sighting the sea at Alexandretta, returning to England by Marseilles. This journey was all done between June 22 and the following January 24—a very

short time to get over such a wide space; but this speed, although meritorious, does not add much to the character of the book. The author, instead of taking due time to observe and study the country as he went along, seems to have rushed through with the most frantic haste, as if some demon had been at his heels propelling him forward. Night and day, over mountain and plain, he went tearing over the bad roads. The long and minute accounts of this weary riding, one page recounting details so like another, are apt to make the reader also wearied; and he will be inclined to repeat the words of the author, when he comes to the end, and say "Thank God" it is over. "A thousand miles in a thousand half-hours" may suit Lillie Bridge or the Agricultural Hall, but there is no need to go to Persia or Mesopotamia to perform such a feat. The book is not without some descriptive accounts of the places the author passed through; but the details given are meagre, so that it will not be much of an authority. The that it will not be much of an authority. sketches of character are good, and we gain a better idea of the people the author met with during his journey than of the places he visited. The Persian Khan with whom he travelled from Baku is a good portrait; and the borrowing of the gold imperial to tip the sailors with, would have been worthy of the author of Haji Baba. The Khan was taking the "Order of the Musjid" from the Sultan to the Shah; this must surely mean the Order of the Medjidi. Slips like this can be seen, showing that the traveller writes as he rides—in post-haste style. The "Cunic" inscription at Esther's tomb might be noted as another example; the calculation of the amount of caviare in a sturgeon, at p. 216, is evidently a slip of the pen; but, if one wished to be severe in criticising the work, it contains a fair supply of material for saying hard things. In spite of all this, and even of its religious-tract tone which will no doubt seem a merit to many—it is well written, and contains many graphic details, particularly of individuals. If an opinion might be given on one point, the author should have given Ali the watch. Ali had given him a turquoise ring previously. Probably he did not explain its virtue, but all Orientals believe the turquoise to possess a talismanic power to save travellers from accidents, and most probably Ali had his master's safety in mind when he gave the ring-at least this is the view the author should have taken of the gift.

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Culturbilder aus Griechenland, by Dr. T. Pervanoglu (Leipzig: Friedrich), contains a number of sketches of modern Greece and its inhabitants which are pleasantly, though superficially, written. The writer professes it to be his object to give a faithful account of the existing state of things in that country, and to remove prejudices which commonly exist concerning it. He rightly points out the strong love of equality among the Greeks, which makes them the most thoroughly democratic manual in Furney and which proceeds practly. people in Europe, and which proceeds partly from the intense individuality which has always characterised the race, and partly from their having started at once from a condition of slavery into the position of a State. He also remarks with good reason that his countrymen are essentially merchants and seamen, and describes the immense development of the mercantile marine of Greece. So, too, the castoms which he has selected for description which are partly superstitious, partly remnants of classical antiquity, and partly observances of the most modern and Western character, such as the athletic sports, called the Olympic Games, which are held in the ancient stadium -while they produce a singularly bizarre effect, for that very reason, perhaps, are not wholly unlike the impression made on a stranger by modern Greek life. But the value of the book is marred by two great faults—a love of

declamation and a tendency to exaggerate. The former of these is conspicuous in the chapter entitled, "The Country," which, after a few pages in which the geography is well described, is almost entirely devoted to rhetoric on the subject of the Greek War of Independence and kindred topics. Similarly the account of Greek politics ignores the conflict of parties and the place-hunting, which is the greatest curse of Greece, and is little more than a history of the development of the Constitution, and declamation about the rôle of Greece in the East. On the other hand, when the author deals with facts, as in his account of the growth of modern Athens, he is really interesting. A still worse fault is his love of exaggeration, which mars the value of his statements. Thus, while the uniformity of the present language, wherever spoken, is a remarkable phenomenon, it is not true that "a superior boatman or porter speaks the same language as the most delicate girl in the most elegant drawing-room at Athens." The Morea has been freer from robbers than other parts of Greece; but when it is said that systematic brigandage never existed there, we cannot forget that an ex-Minister of the Greek kingdom was carried off some years ago from his country-seat in Triphylia by such a band, who dragged him about from one to another of their retreats in the mountains for something like a month until he was ransomed. And to say that the Greeks form the majority of the population in Asia Minor is simply absurd. We also notice here with regret what is only too asso notice here with regret what is only too common among Greeks of the present day—a disposition to praise King Otho and Queen Amalia, who, by their bureaucratic system and employment of corruption, did irreparable injury to the people they governed. The point of greatest value in the volume is the distinction which the author draws in respect of character between the inhabitants of the four divisions of the present kingdom—viz., Northern Greece, the Peloponnese, and the eastern and western islands. The first of these he describes as more like the ancient Spartans-independent, narrow-minded, upright, brave, hardy, and excel-lent soldiers; the Moreotes as polite, crafty, optimistic, disposed for commerce and ready to let their children seek their fortunes abroad, fond of politics and legal pursuits; the islanders of the Aegean as peace-loving and hard-working, trustworthy and virtuous, the men being especially bold sailors, while the women furnish most of the female servants who are found among the Greeks in foreign parts; the Ionian Islanders as lively, clever in trade, and distinguished from the rest of their countrymen by their musical taste, which they probably obtained from the Italians. This estimate is of value, as coming from one who has lived and observed in various parts of

Genealogical Memoirs of the Families of Colt and Coutts. By the Rev. Charles Rogers, LL.D. (London: Printed for the Cottonian Society.) Dr. Rogers has gathered together some interesting facts concerning persons who have borne at various times the names of Colt and Coutts, and his book will, therefore, be of service to anyone who is engaged in genealogical researches which touch on any of those families, or those allied to them by marriage. He should have brought out, however, more clearly than he has done the fact that, so far as is known at present, several of the races he notices were not in any way connected with each other by blood. Links of pedigree can never be assumed; positive evidence is the only material with which a scientific genealogist can work. It is n a high degree improbable that Reginald le Colt of Shropshire, Richard Colt of Kent, William le Colt of Wiltshire, or Ralph Colt of Norfolk, persons who flourished in the

thirteenth century, were in any way connected with folk called Colt or Coutts in Scotland in much more recent days. That part of the book which relates to modern people is by far the most trustworthy. It is interesting as giving family details of an humble race which by industry has raised itself to great wealth. Is there anything more trustworthy than vague tradition for the tale given on pp. 19, 20, one part of which is that "Father Peter, the Jesuit confessor of James II.," received on a certain occasion a bribe of £5,000? The priest Dr. Rogers alludes to was not a remarkably noble-minded person, but we doubt his having taken a bribe in the way stated.

Jenkinson's Practical Guide to the Isle of Wight. By Henry Irwin Jenkinson. Second Edition. (Stanford.) We are glad to find that this useful guide-book has reached a second edition. The botanical part of it is remarkably well done. We cannot say as much for the architectural; before a third edition is called for, cannot Mr. Jenkinson induce some friend who understands mediaeval architecture to revise his

TO JENNY.

FROM THE FRENCH OF VICTOR HUGO. My darling! yesterday just a twelvemonth old! Happy you babble as, under the manifold Delicate leafage that lies on the dear Spring's breast,

The year's new birdlets, opening their strange, wide eyes, Cheep and twitter from out the warmth of the nest, For the joy of the young plumes' growth and of

life's surprise. O rose-lipt Jenny of mine, in those big books Whose pictures are worth your crowings and happy

looks,
The books I must suffer your fingers to crumple or

tear,
There is many a beautiful poem, but none so rare
As you, my poem, when, catching sight of me,
Your whole little body thrills and leaps with glee.
The greatest men for writing have written ne'er
A better thing than the thought a-dawn in your

eye,
And the musing strange and vague of one who scans
The earth and man with an angel's ignorance.
Ay, Jenny, God's not far off when you are nigh.
E. H. HICKEY.

NOTES AND NEWS.

WE are glad to hear that Mr. H. Buxton Forman is about to publish through Messrs. Reeves and Turner a Shelley Bibliography, with a full account of the contents and specialities of every volume and tract included in his standard edition of Shelley's Poetical and Prose Works, and extensive lists of editions, biographies, studies, articles, and "Shelleyana" in general. As a supplement "Shelleyana" in general. As a supplement to her husband's work, Mrs. Forman has undertaken a Shelley Concordance, which will be a great gain to students of English as well as of Shelley.

Mr. J. J. Aubertin, who published a short time since a new translation of *The Lusiads*, is about to issue a translation of seventy sonnets by Camoens. As in the case of his former work, he invites criticism of his faithfulness to the original by printing the Portuguese text opposite to his own version. Messrs. C. Kegan Paul and Co. are the publishers.

MR. G. L. GOMME and Mr. James Britten are engaged upon a Dictionary of English Folk-Lore, which will be published, according to present plans, in four parts.

WE understand that the following arrangements have been made for Messrs. Macmillan and Co.'s forthcoming series of volumes on The English Citizen, his Rights and Responsibilities, which we announced recently as in preparation: Mr. H. D. Traill has undertaken to write on Central Government, Mr. Spencer Walpole on The Electorate and the Legislature, Mr. M. D. Chalmers on Local Government, Mr. C. P. Ilbert on Justice and Police, Mr. A. J. Wilson on National Income, Expenditure, and Debt, Prof. William Jack on The State and Education, Rev. T. W. Fowle on The Poor Law, Mr. T. H. Farrar on The State in Relation to Trade, Prof. Stanley Jevons, F.R.S., on The State in Relation to Labour, Mr. F. Pollock on The State and the Land, the Hon. A. D. Elliot, M.P., on The State and the Church, Mr. Spencer Walpole on Foreign Relations, Mr. J. S. Cotton on India, and Mr. E. J. Payne on Colonies and Dependencies, the last two subjects being dealt with in the same volume.

Messes. Reminstrons have in the press for early publication a new novel by Capt. Mayne Reid entitled The Free Lances. The same firm will publish next week Grand Tours in Many Lands, by Dr. McCosh, author of Nuova Italia.

WE understand that the Bibliography of Thomas Carlyle is being prepared by Mr. R. H. Shepherd, and will be published, uniformly with his other Bibliographies, by Mr. Elliot Stock.

Messes. Griffith and Farran are preparing, and will publish immediately, The Churchman's Altar Manual and Guide to Holy Communion, together with the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels, and a selection of appropriate Hymns.

According to the last number of the Istoricheski Viestnik ("Historical Messenger"), there has been recently discovered in an old country-house in the government of Orlov a collection of letters from Voltaire to Count Razoumovski and Teplov, secretary to the Empress Catherine II. They have never been published, and let us hope will soon find an editor.

On Wednesday last week Mr. Quaritch gave a dinner to some men well known in literary and antiquarian circles who wished to see his choicest MSS. before some of them—as it may be—leave England for America. His Lydgate "Sege of Troy" is certainly a magnificent MS., with most interesting and brilliant illuminations, but much too good to have been done by the poet himself. The great Talbot's Prayer-book or Book of Hours, with early French and English poems copied into it by at least three different scribes, is also a most precious relic, and ought not to leave the country even at £1,000. The Italian "Apocalypic Visions" is the most beautiful of the set, but has not the historic associations of the MS. from which "the great Alcides of the field" read his daily prayers. We do not go farther with the list of fifteen MSS. exhibited, but need hardly say that no such collection was ever before in the hands of an English bookseller as his own property.

MESSRS. WILSON AND M'CORMICK, of Glasgow, inform us that they have been appointed sole agents in Great Britain for the sale of Das Magazin für die Literatur des In- und Auslandes, the oldest of German literary Reviews, and the only one which specially, and with marked ability, treats of current English literature.

THE Rev. George Smith, LL.D., of Edinburgh, wishes us to state that the popular edition of his *Life of Dr. Alexander Duff* has been issued by the publishers without having been finally revised by himself, and in face of his remonstrances.

Memoirs of the Life and Writings of Thomas Carlyle, with personal reminiscences and selections from his private letters to numerous correspondents, by Mr. Richard Herne Shepherd, will be issued immediately by Messrs. W. H. Allen and Co.

THE library of the late Lord Hampton, which was sold this week by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge, stirred deeply the pulses and purses of the great book-buyers. The most

precious article in the sale was a copy of the Old Testament volume of "The Mazarine Bible," which was bought by Mr. Quaritch for £760. The same gentleman secured other Biblical and liturgical treasures in the little volume of Tyndale's English Pentateuch (£40), of which only one perfect copy, now in the British Museum, is extant; Oranmer's "Great Bible" of 1539 (£32 10s.); the two "Common Prayers" of Edward VI. of 1549 and 1552 (£71 and £66); the Common Prayer of 1561 bound (with Sternhold's Psalms of 1567) for "William Allen Lord Mayor, 1571" (£20 10s.); the first edition of Knox's famous Liturgy printed at Geneva in 1556 (£41); Geoffroy Tory's Horae B. V. M., 1527, a rare volume, with beautiful wood-cut borders (£101); and the French translation of Edward VI.'s Common Prayer, printed at London in 1553 (£45). Among the other books of high value we may mention Coverdale's "Zürich Bible" of 1550 (£22 10s.); "The Bishops' Bible" of 1568 (£26 10s.); a Latin MS. Bible of the early part of the fourteenth century, of French execution, but misdescribed as English in the catalogue (£70 10s.); Horae B. V. M., printed by Kerver in 1522 (£109); Missale Sarisburiense, Parisiis, 1516 (£49); and Wynkyn de Worde's edition of Glanville de Proprietatibus, imperfect (£25).

Mr. Furnivall has for the last three weeks been searching, with Mr. J. Chaloner Smith's help, the old Inventories at Somerset House, in the hope of finding Shakspere's among them. But at present the only one that has turned up at all relating to the poet's family is the Inventory of Sir John Bernard, the surviving second husband of Shakspere's grand-daughter and last descendant, Elizabeth Hall, who first married Thomas Nash. And in this Inventory of Sir John's the only entries relating to property at Stratford-upon-Avon—no doubt Shakspere's old dwelling-house, New Place, or his "foure yard land and a halfe" that descended to his grand-daughter—are "a Rent at Stratford vpon Avon, iiiji"," and "old goods and Lumber at Stratford vpon Avon, at iiiji"." Unluckily there are no particulars of "All the Bookes" in the "Studdy" xxixi" xjs, or of "all the Pictures" in the Parlour (vi xs), the best Chamber, and the Little Chamber, or we might have known what copies of the Quartos and Folios, and what pictures of her grandfather, Lady Bernard left to her husband when she died in February 1669-70. Sir John Bernard's goods and chattels were valued at £948 10s., but among them was a Bond of Wm. Thursby, Esq., for £615. New Place was not sold till after Sir John's death.

WE learn from the Nation that Messrs. Osgood and Co. will publish during the current year Illustrations of the Earth's Structure, by Prof. N. S. Shaler and Mr. W. M. Davis. The Quarterly and the Edinburgh are both to be published in America from the same plates as the English editions by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin and Co.

WE learn from the Revue Critique that the first volume of Senor Guerra y Orbe's great work on the Geography of the Iberian Peninsula in Ancient Times is in the press, and may be expected to appear next spring. It will comprise Gallicia, the Asturias, and Cantabria. The result of M. Hartwig Derenbourg's official commission to study the Arabic MSS. in Spain is that he has reported upon no less than 1,835 MSS. in the libraries of the Escurial, Madrid, Alcala, Toledo, Seville, and Granada. The Literary Society of Prague has published the Life of Vok de Rosemberg, which is described as highly important for the study of Bohemian history in the sixteenth century. M. Kolliarevsky, Professor of Slavonic Philology in the University of Kiev, is in the course of editing a complete edition of the works of Maximovitch

(1804-73), one of the first authorities on the literature of Little Russia.

Dr. Hermann Varnhagen, of Greifswald, has just edited a fourteenth-century Italian version of the collection of old stories called "The Seven Sages" from the Additional MS. 27429 in the British Museum. He gives a full Introduction and notes, with extracts from the Old-High-German version, &c.

The eighth annual meeting of the English Dialect Society was held on last Monday week at Manchester, the Mayor of the city presiding. The report of the honorary secretary, Mr. J. H. Nodal, showed that the financial position was sound, but an increase in the number of subscribers is extremely desirable; it would enable the society to push on faster with the work, to issue more rapidly the books which are waiting to be printed, and to give to each individual member a greater return for the year's subscription. There are now forty-two subscribing libraries, of which seven are Continental (Berlin, Copenhagen, Göttingen, Halle, Munich, Stockholm, and Strassburg), one in New Zealand, and eight in the United States. The number of members is 260, making, with the libraries, a total roll of 302 subscribers. The publications for 1881 will probably be selected from the following:—Leicestershire Words, Phrases, and Proverbs, collected by the late Arthur Benoni Evans, D.D., edited, with Additions and an Introduction, by Sebastian Evans, M.A., LL.D., Barrister-at-Law; Turner's Names of Herbes (1547), edited by James Britten, F.L.S.; Fitzherbert's Book of Husbandrie (1534), edited by the Rev. Prof. Skeat; Glossary of Words in Use in the Isle of Wight, by C. Roach Smith; Glossary of the Lancashire Dialect, part ii., by J. H. Nodal and George Milner; and Dictionary of English Plant Names, part iii. (completing the work), by J. Britten, F.L.S., and Robert Holland.

THE "Poets' Corner" of the Mitchell Public Library at Glasgow contains at present the works of 1,222 Scottish poets and verse-writers, of whom 1,022 are named and the rest anonymous. The honorary treasurer is desirous of making the collection more complete, and invites contributions of different editions and materials bearing generally upon the bibliography of the poets of Scotland.

The annual Report of the President of Harvard College, as analysed in the Nation, conveys a good deal of interesting information concerning the position of higher education in America. We learn that the total number of colleges and universities now in existence is 360, of which nearly two hundred are not more than thirty years old, and only twenty are older than the century. This prodigious increase has, of course, been principally exhibited in the Western States, where it has been marked by a tendency towards gratuitous instruction. Out of the total number of colleges more than a third charge either no tuition fee or only a nominal one, not exceeding thirty dollars (£6) a-year. At Harvard itself the most important step recently taken is the foundation of a pension for retiring professors, towards which a single graduate has contributed 20,000 dollars (£4,000). It is also pointed out that the university examinations for women have been assimilated to those for men.

Dr. Jusserand has a short sarcastic article in the Revue Critique on a M. Hallberg's History of English Literature, according to which we have no other works of King Alfred than his Proverbs and a few fragments, and no more of Layamon's Brut than a fragment. M. Hallberg is also of opinion that Langland's Vision of Piers Ploughman was imitated from the Roman de la Rose, and that Chaucer was born in 1328 and wrote the Testament of Love,

FROM an interesting account in the Scotsman of Carlyle's funeral, we learn that the house at Ecclefechan in which Carlyle was born is still standing, being inhabited by the village grave-digger. The actual room is described as measuring only four or five feet in width by eight or nine feet in length, with a bed-place formed in the old style of making a recess in the wall. The house into which his father afterwards moved, and where Carlyle was brought up, situated in a lane known as "Carlyle's Close," has become the village shambles. The building of the old Secession Kirk, to which his father belonged, also exists to this day; and the parish school, in which Carlyle received his earliest education, is now used as a casual poor-house and soup-kitchen.

THE Catalogo Ragionato, etc., mentioned in the ACADEMY for January 8 (p. 26) has just appeared. It quite satisfies the high expectations that had been formed of it. It is a very ably edited book, and a full key to the "master's" numerous articles scattered in various magazines and newspapers. Dr. Isaia Luzzatto, the eldest living son of the lamented professor (the promising young scholar, Filosseno, having died in his father's lifetime), may justly call this work a labour of love.

WE have also to report the appearance of another work; but this, although also posthumously edited, is more directly Prof. Luzzatto himself. The title of this book is Yesode Huttorah, and it treats in Hebrew on the principles of Judaism, but is by no means a catechism. Parts of it are to be found in Hebrew in Weiss' Beth Hammdrash, under the present title; and others in Italian, in the Educatore Israelita, under the title of "Giudaismo Illustrato, parte ii." It is, however, now published as a whole for the first time. The author speaks of this little book, which occupies in toto (Title, Dedication, Prefaces, &c.) not more than sixty-eight small octavo pages, as "the choice fruit of his labours" (see the dedication to his father-in-law, p. 7). The publisher, Mr. Isaac Graeber, of Przemysl, in Austrian Poland, is an admirer of Jewish literature in general, and of the author in particular. When one casts a glance on the works of Prof. Luzzatto already published, and sums up with them those that still await publication, one is astonished both at the author's activity and solidity. With others the clerical work alone would have almost absorbed a life so short as was the author's. S. D. Luzzatto wrote much, and all of it was excellent.

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THE names of Stubbes and Furnivall came together when the old Puritan's famous denunciation of the Abuses in Dress and Manners in England in 1583 was edited, with full Forewords and Notes, for the New Shakspere Society by its founder in 1877-79. But here is an instance of their earlier joinder, which we owe to the kindness of the most illustrious owner of the Puritan name now: "in 1654, Nell, Bess and Nan Stubbs, being mother and two daughters, were hanged at Chester for bewitching Mrs. Furnivall, wife to Mr. Anthony Furnivall, daughter to Mr. John Furnivall, of Fallowes." (Earwaker's Cheshire, vol. ii., p. 362.)

WITH reference to a passage in the last paragraph of the Rev. Mark Pattison's review of Arrows of the Chase, in last week's ACADEMY, a correspondent sends us the following extract from the Preface to that collection of Mr. Ruskin's letters:—

"It is first due to the compiler of the Bibliography of Mr. Ruskin's writings, Mr. Richard Herne Shepherd, to state in what measure this book has been prompted and assisted by his previous labours. Already acquainted with some few of the letters which Mr. Ruskin had addressed at various times to the different organs of the daily press, it was not

until I came across the Bibliography that I was encouraged to complete and arrange a collection of these scattered portions of his thought."

OWING to the misreturn of a proof, the word "Iarza," in the Rev. H. G. Tomkins' letter on p. 120 of the last number of the ACADEMY, was throughout misprinted as "Iazza."

MAGAZINES AND REVIEWS.

Macmillan's Magazine has an article by Mr. Saintsbury on Mr. Christie's Etienne Dolet, containing some suggestive remarks on a side of the Renaissance which has been too much overlooked by modern writers. Mr. Saintsbury calls attention to the service which the Renaissance rendered as "a schoolmaster to bring the languages of Europe to full literatry perfection," and shows that French literature especially illustrates the stages of this influence. Mr. Almond writes on "Athletics and Education" with a view to the treatment of athletics as a branch of sanitary science applied to schools. Mr. Spencer Walpole gives a few reminiscences of the late Frank Buckland which are full of good stories about the fun, amiability, and eccentricities of that enthusiastic naturalist. We trust that these stories may be collected in a more permanent form; they are too good to be lost to posterity.

In the Deutsche Rundschau Herr Preger, under the title of "The Discovery of Hypnotism," calls attention to the writings of the late Dr. Braid, which seem to have gained more notice in Germany than in England. As we see, however, that they are soon to be published in a collected edition, they will no doubt receive more consideration. Herr Scherer, in an article on "Lessing," complains that all existing biographies are unsatisfactory, and give no clear account of Lessing's character or work, because they do not sufficiently divide its several stages. He views Lessing as being chiefly a journalist up to the publication of Miss Sara Sampson, an aesthetician till the time of producing Emilia Galotti, thence till his death a theologian, but in all his phases essentially a dramatist. Herr Jastrow writes on "The Latest Representations of the History of the World," and criticises the views of Buckle, Weber, and Oncken, and calls attention to the last work of Ranke as being necessary to complete his previous labours by sketching the beginning of that weltgeschichtliche Bewegung which his previous works regard as being in motion.

In the February part of the Alpine Journal Mr. W. A. B. Coolidge begins a lively and promising series, with plenty of novelty, under the general title of "Explorations in the Cottian Alps." He gives a tempting picture, or rather set of pictures, of the Chambeyron district. The number contains a second instalment of Mr. Whymper's rough jottings during his expedition among the Great Andes of Ecuador this time last year. Among the most useful features of the studies in the Journal are the rectification of the errors of maps and guide-books and the hints about inns and lodgings. Mr. Frederick Gardiner's paper on his three new ascents without guides in Southern Dauphine is printed, with a map of the "Pics" at the head of Val Godemar; and Mr. A. Cust continues his "Wanderings in Ticino"—Val Verzasca and Val Laviggars. He does justice to the amoning and Lavizzara. He does justice to the amazing and unparalleled green hues of the mountain-stream, "die intensiv smaragdgrüne, kristallhelle Verzasca;" as Tschudi calls it, "die Perle aller Bergströme der Schweiz." It is curious that a traveller should visit so many of the Ticino villages and take no note of the exciting political ferment at work in every corner of this canton. In Mr. Freshfield's "Notes on Old Tracks" he takes us to Monte Rosa (or rather to the south-western side of it), the valleys of

Aosta, Challant, and Lys. The "New Expeditions" and "Reviews and Notices" are admirable, the latter containing very full recent French and Italian Alpine bibliography up to date.

EDITORS of magazines, like other persons connected with literature, may perhaps fairly claim the Apollonian privilege of not always drawing the arrow to the head. The February number of Le Livre is not quite up to the very high level of its two predecessors. A certain heaviness always seems to result from the filling up of the space of a Review entirely or mainly with instalments of serial matter. And this month the permanent portion of *Le Livre* is wholly occupied by such matter. It is true that the subjects—armorial bindings, the Casanova Memoirs, and the life and performances of that rather scrofulous bibliophile, Jamet le Jeune—are all interesting enough; but still the number wants lightening, while the foreign correspondence is chiefly devoted to the less important literatures. On the other hand, the reviews of French current literature seem to be increasing in bulk, and very likely M. Uzanne finds that this is a promising course. Hitherto most efforts to establish in France anything like our weekly Reviews of literature have failed. These monthly compte-rendus may be more fortunate. The illustration this month is a reproductionby one of the innumerable processes of photogravure, apparently—of a frontispiece of Ma-rillier's. It is not the happiest we have seen, but it is a fair specimen of the delicate, if frivolous, art which suited so well with the literature it illustrated, and which now makes that literature for the time a delight to Parisian book-hunters.

In the Revista Contemporanea of January 30 Perez de Guzman begins a series of articles on "The Founders of Constitutional Rule in Spain." The subject of the present sketch is the Conde de Toreno, the author of the History of the Rising, War, and Revolution of Spain. His education, though conducted by Churchmen, was based on the "Contrat Social" and the "Emile" of Rousseau. Hence his adoption of advanced democratic opinions, from which he afterwards recoiled. An interesting episode of his life was his welcome to England in 1808 as the almost boyish deputy of his native province, the Asturias, to solicit English aid. Becerro de Bengoa continues his description of the coalmines of Santullan, and Diaz Sanchez his "Guia de Simancas." Emilio de Santos tells the story of the design and construction of the Spanish Mudejar house in the last Paris exhibition. Miguel Gutierrez has a rather striking poem on "The Tears" of Boabdil, and "The Smiles and Hopes" of Isabella at the taking of Granada and the news of the discovery of America.

OBITUARY.

KARL BRUNNER, the archivist of Aarau, who died on January 26, was a characteristic Swiss scholar. He was born in 1831 at Hemberg in the Toggenburg, the twelfth of thirteen children, whose father secured them a good education. His passion for history and archaeology was traced by him to the fascinating instruction which he received at the cantonal school in Aarau from Prof. Rochholz. He chose the calling of a Swiss pastor, and completed his theological studies at the universities of Zürich and Tübingen. At the latter he became a zealous disciple of the then prevailing "Tübingen school," to which he remained faithful until his death. He never became a mere controversialist, however, and throughout his life maintained friendly intercourse with men of all parties. His first ministerial duty was at Kappel, where he served as "Vikar," or, as we should say, assistant-curate. In 1856 he was

elected Pfarrer of Henau, and in 1858 of Bühler in Appenzell. His zeal for the schools, in which he effected great improvements, drew him away from his clerical work; and in 1864 he was called to the cantonal school of Appenzell at Trogen, as teacher of religion, history, and the German language and literature. The wonderful success of his work here as a trainer of school-teachers made him known in wider circles, and in 1867 he was invited to become Rector of the Gymnasium in Biel. His new position freed him from much drudgery, and enabled him to turn his attention more closely to his favourite study. Moved by the great work which his friends von Stürler and J. J. Amiet, the State-archivists of the cantons of Bern and Solothurn, had done for the archives of those two republics, he took to heart the miserable and disorderly condition of the exceedingly rich archives of the canton of Aargau. "Disorder in the archives," he said, Aargau. "Disorder in the archives," he said, "is a kind of internal sickness in a State. Unused archives are like mines without miners." He longed, as he put it, "to bring back life into those dead heaps of writing by uniting them, ordering them, and restoring them to their proper use." The Government of Aargau at last invited him to the task, and in 1873 he moved to Aarau and devoted himself with unwearied labour for the remainder of his life to this arduous undertaking. The canton is the seat of numerous ecclesiastical and monastic foundations, the archives of which had come into the possession of the State. Brunner's registers were no mere catalogues, but elucidatory descriptions of his text, which will make them for all time an indispensable help to the student. He found the archives of the foundations of Königsfelden, Zofingen, and Wettingen to be rich in Papal documents. His own original contributions to history were not numerous. The most important of them is his Life of Hans von Hallwil, the hero of Grandson and Murten, illustrated with original documents. He was a contributor to the Argovia, the Anzeiger für schweizerische Geschichte, and to the German Allgemeine deutsche Biographie. He also translated into German Rilliet's epochmaking work, Les Origines de la Conféderation suisse, Histoire et Légende. This translation contains a valuable independent Supplement. It was the grief of his last days that he was deprived of the hope of attaining the great object of his life—the complete organisation of the archives of the illustrious "gau" of the

On the 3rd inst. the Hungarian poet Coloman Toth (Toth Kalman) breathed his last. Indeed, since he was struck by apoplexy on October 13, 1879, he had been little better than a living corpse. He was born in 1831, at Baja, a town in the South of Hungary on the banks of the Danube, and at the age of sixteen published his first collection of verses. During the war of 1848-49 he served in the National army, in which he rose to the rank of lieutenant. He was by that time already known as a popular songwriter whose verses, set to music, were sung both in drawing-rooms and by the people. Love and patriotism were his favourite, almost exclusive, themes; and he was called the "poet of the Hungarian ladies." In 1851 he became sub-editor, and in 1856 editor, of a journal entitled Hillygyfutar ("Ladies' Messenger"), in which his lyrics continually appeared. In 1857 he became by chance a dramatic author. One evening he was playing at cards, when one of the party, an actor, rose and excused himself on the ground that he had to translate a play for production on the occasion of his benefit. "Don't go," said Toth; "why, I will write you an original one." Although this first dramatic attempt was not particularly successful, subsequent dramas of his attained a permanent place in the

répertoire of the Hungarian theatre. In 1860, when political discussion became freer and more lively in Hungary, Toth started a political comic paper, Bolond Miska ("Crazy Mike"). This paper proved a great success, as was shown by its editor being frequently put in prison during the so-called provisorium. The governor, Count Palffy, however, always protested that he loved him, upon which Deak observed, "Yes, as a bird—in a cage." He was, in fact, in prison when, in 1861, he was elected member of the Academy. The confirmation of his election was, however, refused by Count Palffy, to whom Ectvos, the President of the Academy, sarcastically said, "Quite right. Do not confirm it; he is not popular enough." For three years Palffy persisted in his refusal, and only withdrew it when the Academy threatened to ignore the want of confirmation by giving Toth office while his election still remained unconfirmed. On the re-establishment of the Constitution he represented his native town in three successive Parliaments.

OF the three deaths of Russian men of letters which we have had to chronicle within a fortnight that of Theodor Michailovich Dostoyevsky, whose interment took place with much pomp on Sunday last, was perhaps the greatest loss to literature. He is doubtless best known in this country by his Memoirs from the House of the Dead, which has been translated into English. This work was based upon his own experience of Siberia, whither he was exiled under Nicholas for his connexion with the Petrashevsky Society, and whence he was allowed to return after the present Emperor's accession to the throne, weakened, however, in health and subject to epileptic fits. Crime and Punishment, Demons, The Idiot are among his other most famous works. He stood unrivalled in the analysis of feeling, but it was nearly always feeling of a morbid tinge which characterised his productions. This has full scope in his delineation of the murderer's remorse in Crime and Punishment, but reaches a still greater height in The Brothers Karamazof, greater height in The Brothers Karamazof, which, during the last two years, has appeared in M. Katkof's magazine, Russkyi Vyestnik. The sombre hues with which he invests his stories and the spell with which he invests his stories and the spell with which he enthrals the reader remind one forcibly of Edgar Poe. In this respect his work forms a very striking contrast to that of Tourguenief and Pisemsky, where bright, fresh love has such a large place. In 1876 Dostoyevsky conceived the idea of rendering himself independent of publishers, and accordingly started a monthly magazine, Dnyebnik Pisatelya, "The Author's Diary," of which he was alike editor, publisher, and contributor. In this there appeared from his pen not only tales, but also articles on current topics of social and political interest. These last, however, were much inferior to his work as a novelist, and manifested his adherence to the narrowest school of Slavophiles, and his antipathy to the Liberal ideas of Western Europe. After remaining in abeyance for two years, the Author's Diary had begun to appear again a few months before the death of its

The death, on February 1, is announced of Theodor Bogdanovich Miller, whose metrical translations had ever since 1841 given him a recognised place in Russian literature. He was born in Moscow in 1818, and received his early education in the German Peter and Paul School. His circumstances forbade his entering the university. While studying pharmacy, he found means of attending the lectures of professors on other subjects, and in 1841 he passed the examination for teacher of the Russian and German languages. After twenty-eight years he retired from this profession, and devoted himself wholly to literature, for which he had

always felt the strongest attraction. Among the most important of his numerous works may be mentioned his translations of Measure for Measure and Cymbeline, and of Schiller's Withelm Tell. During the last year or two M. Miller had been working with feverish energy, which, it is thought, seriously affected his health, already impaired by the hardships of his early life. He leaves two complete works in MS.

Mr. John Thomas Dicks, publisher of the Complete Shilling Shakspere, and proprietor of several London newspapers and periodicals, died at Mentone on the 4th inst.

WE regret to notice also the death of Mr. John Sampson Courtney, of Penzance, who was the author of several valuable works, including a Guide to Penzance, and a valued contributor to the Journal of the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society. His eldest son is M.P. for Liskeard; another son is Mr. W. P. Courtney.

THE death of Cesare Cantú, announced in our last number, is contradicted.

WILL OF WILLIAM SHAKSPERE, OF ST. SEPULCHRE'S, LONDON, A.D. 1413.

(BROWN 1400-1418, COMMISSARY COURT OF LONDON, LEAF 255.)

FOR his namesake's sake, whose will was proved in 1616, this two hundred years' earlier Shakspere's will from the Prerogative Office may have some slight interest for your readers.

F. J. FURNIVALL.

In Dei nomine, Anno domini M°CCCC^{mo}xiij^{mo}, Ego Willelmus Schakspere,* compos mentis, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, lego animam meam deo omnipotenti, beate Marie, omnibus sanctis; corpus que meum ad sepelliendum infra Hospitale sancti Iohannis Ierosolymitani in Anglia.† Item lego fratri Hugoni ad disponendum in predicto loco iij s. iiji d. Item lego patri meo xx s. Item lego matri mee xx s. Item lego presbuteris conuentualibus yj s. viij d. sancti Iohannis. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum, vbicumque inuentorum, do & lego Executoribus meis, Willelmo Bridsale et Iohanni Barbour, supra debita et expensa, ad disponendum pro salute anime mee, meliori modo que poterint an sciuerint. Probatum est hoc testamentum coram nobis Thoma Burgh, in legibus &c., Commissario generali, tercio nonarum Augusti, Anno domini M°CCCC^{mo}xiij^{mo}. Et commissa est Administracio omnium bonorum &c., Executoribus &c., et Admissa per eosdem in forma iuris.

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THE Codex Zacynthius, which contains portions of St. Luke's Gospel, cannot possibly be of earlier date than the sixth century, nor can it be much later than the eighth. Without examining the original, it would perhaps be impossible from the character of the writing to decide which is the more probable date; and, unfortunately, the transcript published by Dr. Tregelles in 1861 does not help to settle the question. The Codex itself has been reprinted page for page and line for line with the original, so far as the text of the gospel is concerned, from types in the possession of the Trustees of the British Museum, which, of course, represent only approximately the shape of the letters of the MS., and in a size which, taking into consideration the whole surface occupied by the length and breadth of the letters, is about half that of the original. Not having seen the palimpsest itself, we are able to compare only the body of the work with the

^{*} Sepulcri (in margin). + St. John's, Clerkenwell,

specimen of one page which was executed in facsimile; and the comparison is not such as to leave a favourable impression of the accuracy of the printed copy. Dr. Tregelles has repreof the printed copy. Dr. Tregelles has represented the obverse of fol. 84 of the Codex, and there are as many as seven variations between this and what purports to be an exact repre-sentation of it. In four instances the colon of the facsimile at the end of a clause has been omitted in the copy. In three others there are the following omissions—that of the two dots over T and I, and a bar over T. And we need hardly say that the presence or absence of the dots over the vowels r and I is of considerable importance in estimating the antiquity of handwriting. Now, the handwriting of the text would be pronounced to be of the sixth century if it had not been surrounded at the top and bottom and one side by a catena written in precisely the same hand in somewhat smaller character, four of the letters of which, e, e, o, s, are much smaller and narrower, and very unlike the writing of that century. There is, therefore, very little internal evidence to guide us in forming an estimate of the century to which it There are other peculiarities in the MS. which may be noticed, and which may help hereafter towards deciding the point. Meanwhile, it is noticeable that the character of the writing is very like that of the recently discovered Codex Rossanensis.

Of these peculiarities, the principal, perhaps, is the absence of contractions, which points to the earlier date. There are, upon the whole, about twelve words which are habitually contracted, and some of these are occasionally written in full. In addition to the words which seem to have always been written in contracted form, such as θεός, πνεῦμα, and the like, with their inflexions, we meet with vios, μήτηρ, πατήρ, οὐρανός, and others, which are written sometimes at length, sometimes contracted. There is one contraction which appears to be used quite unnecessarily at the end of a line, and scarcely ever in any other place-namely, the omission of the final v, with a bar over the preceding vowel. Thus, in a case where, as occasionally happens, a verse of the gospel is written twice, we have at the end of a line $\kappa\lambda\eta\theta\bar{\epsilon}$, though there was abundance of room for the insertion of the final letter, and upon the verse being repeated, and the word occurring in the middle of a line, it is written κληθέν in full. And this contraction is adopted in more than one instance at the end of a line, in the middle of a word-e.g., ibbres, the first line ending with ibo, the next beginning with res. In addition to these peculiarities, we may notice the prevailing forms of $\epsilon l \pi a \nu$, $\hbar \lambda \theta a \nu$, $\epsilon l \nu \rho a \nu$, which this MS. has in common with the most ancient MSS. of the New Testament, though occasionally the form εἶπον, &c., is used. Again, the paragogic ν is almost, though not quite, invariable (we think there are only three exceptions), and the insertion of the μ in such words as $\sigma \nu \lambda \lambda \dot{\eta} \mu \psi \eta$ is, we believe, without exception. Also, the words δαβίδ and μαρία appear in the form δαϋείδ and μαριάμ, except in one case, where the former is contracted into δάδ. Capernaum is written καφαρναούμ. The stops are inserted most capriciously, but these may perhaps be from a later hand; so, probably, nothing can be inferred from this. The itacisms are not nearly so numerous as those in the Sinaitic and Vatican MSS., but this is owing to the intelligence of the scribe, who certainly understood the language he was copying, and was, moreover, for the most part careful, as the mistakes in copying are but few. They amount to about twelve in all, consisting chiefly of the omission or the repetition of a single letter, so that the MS. may be said to represent with unusual correctness the text of the earlier MS. from which it was copied. Now, as this MS. is a text of St. Luke's Gospel, with a catena of commentary encircling

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represents a somewhat earlier text than that of the period at which it was written. And, beyond all question, if this text was not itself written in the sixth century, it is of as great value and contains as good readings as the Sinaitic and Vatican MSS. of the fourth century.

We take it for granted that the Sinaitic MS. is the most valuable of all texts, at least for the gospels, and that the Vatican comes next to it. This Codex seems to resemble the former most in its readings, but it has a few very curious readings in which it is unique, or nearly so. The most remarkable of these is at the beginning of the 31st verse of the 7th chapter, where, instead of the words εἶπε δὶ δ κύριος, the following are substituted:—οὐκέτι ἐκείνοις ἐλέγετο ἀλλὰ τοῖς μαθηταῖς. The words εἶπε δὶ δ κύριος must be pronounced to be spurious, and were apparently introduced to avoid the abruptness of the continuation of our Lord's words after the break of verses 29 and 30. The words here substituted are an equally awkward insertion, and serve only to confirm the judgment of both Tischendorf and Tregelles, who omit the connecting link altogether, following in this the Sinaitic and the Vatican as well as the Alexandrian and St. Jerome's version.

And now to revert to the earlier portion of the Codex. We have in chap. i., ver. 20, this MS. alone reading πλησθήσονται for πληρωθήσονται; and in ver. 66, ταῖε καρδίαιε for τῆ καρδία. There is also the omission of τὸ before σημεῖον in ver. 12, and of δὴ after διέλθωμεν in ver. 15; but of these it is impossible to say whether they are due to the scribe or to the MS. from which he copied. Again, in the following verse it is difficult to say whether πιστεύσαντες for σπεύσαντες is an error of a similar kind, or whether it is entitled to be chronicled as a various reading.

Another reading, in chap. vii., ver. 4, of $\eta\rho\dot{\omega}\tau\omega\nu$ for $\pi\alpha\rho\epsilon\kappa\dot{\alpha}\lambda\sigma\nu\nu$ serves only to show the occasional carelessness of a writer using a word of similar import to that used in the MS. from which he was copying. In the 6th verse the transposition of $\mu\sigma\nu$ is a mere oversight, making no difference in the sense.

The reading $\epsilon \gamma \eta \gamma \epsilon \rho \theta \eta$, compounded of the ordinary $\epsilon \gamma \eta \gamma \epsilon \rho \tau \alpha \iota$ and $\eta \gamma \epsilon \rho \theta \eta$ of the Sinaitic and Vatican, as adopted by Lachmann and Tregelles, in ver. 16, is of the same kind.

The omission of $\pi\rho\delta$ $\pi\rho\sigma\sigma\omega\pi\sigma\upsilon$ $\sigma\upsilon\nu$, in ver. 27, is an omission of the class homoeoteleuton; while that in ver. 22, of $\chi\omega\lambda\delta$ $\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\pi\alpha\tau\delta\upsilon$, is of the same kind.

As we proceed, omitting only very slight variations from the Textus Receptus, we come, in the 9th verse, to διδάσκαλε ε΄δαμεν for ἐπιστάτα είδομεν, in which, again, the change is due to the writer's dwelling on the meaning more than on the sound of the word.

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They amount to about twelve in all, consisting chiefly of the omission or the repetition of a single letter, so that the MS. may be said to represent with unusual correctness the text of the earlier MS. from which it was copied.

Now, as this MS. is a text of St. Luke's Gospel, with a catena of commentary encircling it, the part which contains the gospel probably

was too well acquainted with the language to allow of the supposition that the mistakes were in the copy from which he transcribed. They are comparatively few, and are such as a tolerably careful copyist might fall into. We notice a repetition of the conjunction wal, the omission of a letter two or three times-as συγγενή for συγγενής, έχρούς for έχθρούς, έσπλαχνίσθη for ἐσπλαγχνίσθη—and the substitution of one vowel for another, such as could not be designated an itacism, in one place as ηδύνοντο for ηδύναντο. Besides these, the only errors we have noticed are the omission of two letters in two or three cases, and three letters in another, of the class of homoeoteleuton, βάστασα for βαστάσασα and pos omitted after πρός, and the omission of της νυκτός after φυλακάς from the same cause. Occasionally, also, there is an omission of a word, a pronoun, or article that is not necessary to the sense, or a transposition of words which makes scarcely any difference.

Thus far the MS. may be said to be more correct than the Sinaitic and Vatican MSS., which have many more itacisms and many more mistakes than the Codex Zacynthius.

It may indeed be said, and with some truth, that the value of this MS. is almost superseded by the publication of the Vatican, and still more by the discovery of the Sinaitic MS., for its readings, after all, agree very much with those of these two MSS., which are, at the least, two centuries older. But if the importance of this Codex is once acknowledged and established, it may help to decide on the comparative value of these two earlier MSS.

Now, if we count all the important variations from the Textus Receptus, omitting itacisms and other small changes which will not affect the case one way or the other, it will be found that they amount to about three hundred. This may seem a formidable number of variations in a really valuable and early MS. of about a third part of one gospel. It will not, however, seem wonderful to anyone who will take the trouble to count the various readings which appear at the foot of Dr. Scrivener's edition of the Greek Testament, where it will be found that, in the three editions by Lachmann, Tregelles, and Tischendorf, the variation from Stephens' text amount to five or six thousand. The variations are, in fact, of very small importance, but they serve to show that the Codex Zacynthius is descended neither from the Sinaitic nor the Vatican. It is, therefore, an independent witness frequently agreeing with them when they agree together, and sometimes siding with one sometimes with the other, but with a decided preference for the Sinaitic over the other. Moreover, it almost always agrees with the three earliest MSS, when they all agree. We think this Codex proves, if proof were wanted, that the Sinaitic is the most valuable, and the Alexandrian MS. the least valuable, of the three.

NICHOLAS POCOCK.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINESE TRANSLATIONS OF SANSKRIT TEXTS.

Oxford: Feb. 10, 1881.

In my review of the Kâsikâ Vritti, published in the ACADEMY of September 25 and October 2, 1880, I gave a short extract from the 39th chapter of I-tsing's Nan-hai-ki-kwei-kou'en, containing the titles of several grammatical works which I-tsing knew and studied during his stay in India 673-95 A.D. Most of these titles are much disfigured in their Chinese transliterations, and, with regard to several of them, I was unable to give their Sanskrit equivalents. I have since received some communications on this subject from Mr. S. Beal and from Mr. Kasawara which enable me to restore, at all events, one more name with tolerable certainty. On the second of the so-

called Khilas, which Mr. Kasawara had rendered by Man-ka, I cannot say that I feel satisfied even now. By the side of Ashtadhâtu, explained as declension and conjugation, and Unadi, the well-known title of the irregular nominal suffixes, Manka could hardly be anything, one would think, but a treatise on the regular nominal suffixes, the so-called Krit. However, Mr. Beal called my attention to a note of Stanislas Julien's in his Index to Hiouen-thsang, where (vol. iii., p. 514) Mentse-kia is explained by Mandaka. Hiouenthsang mentions Men-tse-kia (vol. i., p. 166) as one of two classes of words, the other class being Unadi. But, though Stanislas Julien tells us that Prof. Spiegel approved of this interpretation, I cannot find any place where Prof. Spiegel has treated of mandaka and traced it back as a technical term to some corresponding sañgñâ of Sanskrit grammarians. Mr. Kasawara's translation was :—" Manka treats of the formation of words by means of combining (a root and suffix, or suffixes). One of many names for tree, for instance, is vriksha in Sanskrit (that is to say, the work vriksha is made up of vriksh and a). Thus a name for a thing is formed by mixing the parts together, according to the rules of the book, which consists of more than twenty sentences (or feet of sloka). Unâdi is nearly the same as the above, with a few differences, such as what is full in the one is mentioned in brief in the other, and vice versa.

Mr. Kasawara now informs me that Manka may be meant for manda, possibly for mandaka, but I do not see that even this would help us much. Mand means to adorn, manda is used for cream on milk, also for gruel, but all this, even if we admit the meaning of mixing, would not yield us a technical name for the formation of words by means of joining a suffix with a root. At all events, I have never met with mand, or any of its derivatives, in that technical sense. I thought at one time that Manda might be meant for Mândûka, because the Mandukeyas were famous by their gram-matical works (see History of Ancient Sanskrit Literature, p. 146), and one of these might possibly have been used by I-tsing when studying the Kridanta chapter. But I do not think this likely, even if, as I am told, the Chinese transliteration should admit of it.

But while we must leave this point unsettled, we are able to identify another title-namely, Guni or Kuni, given as the name of Patañgali's Mahâbhâshya. Mr. Beal informed me that this might be read Kûrni; and Kûrni, a general name for commentary as in Gitakalpa-kûrni, a Prâkrit commentary on the Gitakalpasûtra of the Gainas, &c., is more especially the name of Patangali's commentary, Patangali himself being called Kûrnikrit.

There is every reason to hope that a more accurate study of the Buddhist Chinese litera-ture will be of great help in determining the age of a number of Sanskrit works the dates of which are at present floating about between several centuries. And there is another advantage likely to accrue from that study which has not yet been pointed out, and to which I should like to call the attention both of Chinese and Sanskrit scholars.

When we have literal translations of Sanskrit texts, these translations help us, not only to fix the date of the Sanskrit originals, but also to determine the ancient readings of the Sanskrit texts. Of course there are translations and translations, and we know now that the transla-Mâtainga and Ku-falan (76 A.D) does not prove, as Stanislas Julien thought, that this was a translation of our Lalita-vistara (see Selected Essays, vol. ii., p. 191). But when we have to deal with literal translations, some of them so literal or mot-a-mot as to defy all rules

of Chinese syntax, then we are able to find out what the Sanskrit text must have been which the Chinese translators tried to render into their language, and we may thus succeed in occasionally correcting the text as handed down to us in Sanskrit MSS.

But here a very curious phenomenon presents itself. There are mistakes in the Sanskrit text of our MSS. which it is easy to correct, particularly when they occur in metrical passages. For instance, in the Lalita-vistara (ed. Calc. p. 543, l. 8) we read :

Kakshur anityam adhruvam tatha srotaghranam gihvâpi, Kaya-mana-duhkha anatma api riktasvabhavasûnyâh.

Here the metre shows clearly that we must omit gihvâpi in the first, and Kâya-mana in the second, line. They are additions, and very natural additions, to the original text. But when we take Divâkara's translation, the Fangkwang-ta-kwang-yan-king, which was made about A.D. 685, we find both gilvâpi, "also the tongue," and Kâya-mana, "body and mind," reproduced, and we find exactly the same in the far later Tibetan version.

In the same chapter (p. 527), after Upaka had asked Bhagavat how he could bear witness of himself, and claim for himself the names of Arhan and Gina, Buddha answers:

Ginâ hi¶mâd*ris*â gũeyâ ye prâptâ âsravakshayam Gitâ me pâpakâ dharmâs tenopagino hy aham.

Here the last pada is clearly wrong in metre and matter. There is no such word as upagina, and the Pali version of the same verse (Mahavagga, vol. i., p. 8) shows that the Sanskrit text must have been tenopaka gino hy aham, the sense being: "Those who like me have reached the destruction of all frailties are to be known as Ginas; all evil dispositions have been conquered by me, therefore, O Upaka, I am a Gina, a conqueror."

Here, again, there is no trace of the vocative Upaka, O Upaka! in Divâkara's translation; Upaka, O Upaka! in Divâkara's translation; and, whatever the Chinese translator may have had before him, it could hardly have been

tenopaka gino hy aham. This shows how little assistance we can hope for from existing Sanskrit MSS. towards a restoration of corrupt passages in the Lalitavistara. There are few Sanskrit MSS. as old as the Tibetan translation; none as old as Divâkara's Chinese version. Yet, what seem to be palpable blunders must have existed when these translations were made. What hope, then, is there of our finding a medela for these wounds from existing Sanskrit MSS., unless they come from totally different localities, and had branched off from the general stream before the seventh century of our era? F. MAX MÜLLER.

BEN JONSON'S COPY OF PRISCIAN.

West Hackney Rectory, N.: Feb. 12, 1881.

I happened the other day to take from the shelves of the library at Merchant Taylors' School a copy of Priscian, and upon the first page found a MS. note which may interest your readers :—

> " Sum Ben: Ionsonij ex dono Amicissimi juxta ac Eruditissimi viri D. Wimberlæi. S.T."

On the margin, in another hand, is the date " 1605.

I think there can be little doubt that the writing is that of the dramatist. The book itself is one of much beauty, and the initial letters are illuminated with care and skill. The first page begins with the words, "Juliano Consuli ac

Patricio Priscianus salutem;" and in the latter part of the volume (but many pages from the end) I found the following passage, which may be of some use in determining its date:-

"Volumen prisciani de octo partibus orationis; de constructione; de duodecim carminibus; de accētibus; de numeris & pōderibus & mēsu ris

" Anno Domini, MCCCCLXX.

There is neither title-page nor colophon, and I am not sufficiently conversant with the subject to give an opinion as to whether the book belongs to the fifteenth or sixteenth century. CHARLES J. ROBINSON.

CARLYLE AND GOETHE.

Caius College, Cambridge: Feb. 15, 1881.

In his obituary article on Carlyle in your last number, Prof. Dowden points out how Carlyle sought to enlarge the Puritan ideal of goodness in the light of certain words of Goethe-"im Ganzen, Guten, Wahren, resolut zu leben." He does not, however, tell us that the words, as given by Carlyle, are not quite correctly quoted. I think the fact is not without interest, as being significant of the attitude of perhaps more or less unconscious reservation which Carlyle, it is difficult not to believe, held towards his master. We are to strive, according to Goethe (Generalbeichte),

" Uns vom Halben zu entwöhnen, Und im Ganzen, Guten, Schönen, Resolut zu leben."

If Wahren is put in the place of Schönen, the rhyme is lost; not to say, to some extent, the complexion of the passage.

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Monday, Feb. 21, 5 p.m. London Institution: "Art among the Ancient Greeks," by Mr. J. E. Hodgson.

8 p.m. Royal Academy: "The Development of Styles," by Mr. G. E. Street.

8 p.m. Victoria Institute: "Implements of the Stone Age as a Primitive Demarcation between Man and Other Animals," by Dr. J. P. Thompson; "Scientific Facts and the Caves of South Devon," by Mr. J. E. Howard.

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 3 p.m. Royal Institution: "The Blood," by Prof. Schiifer.

8 p.m. Society of Arts: "Languages of South Africa," by Mr. Robert Cust.

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8 p.m. Anthropological Institute: "Remarks on Arrow Poisons prepared by Some Tribes of North-Americaa Indians," by Dr. W. J. Hoffman; "The Gauchos of San Jorge, Centreal Uruguay," by Dr. D. Oristison.

8 p.m. Royal Colonial Institute: "The Union of the Various Portions of British South Africa," by Sir Bartle E. Frere.

8 p.m. Institution of Civil Engineers: "The Weight and Limiting Dimensions of Girder Bridges," by Mr. Max am Ende.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m. Society of Arts: "River Conservancy," by Mr. C. N. Cresswell.

8 p.m. Royal Society of Literature: "The Fathers of the English Church Music," by Mr. W. A. Barrett.

8 p.m. Geological: "The Permian, Triassic, and Liassic Rocks of the Carlisle Basin," by Mr. T. V. Holmes; "On Astroconia Grasti, a New Lyssakine Hexactinellid from the Silurian Formation of Canada," by Prof. W. J. Sollas.

Thursday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m. Royal Institution: "Drawing-room Music," by Prof. Pauer.

7 p.m. London Institution: "One Aspect of Colour," by Capt. W. de W. Abney.

8 p.m. Society of Telegraph Engineers: "On the Application of Dynamo-Electrical Machines to Railway Rolling Stock," by Lieut. P. Cardew; "Thirteenth - Century Architecture—Italy," by Mr. G. E. Street.

8 p.m. Royal Institution: "Excitability in Plants and Animals," by Prof. J. S. Burdon-Sanderson.

8 p.m. Royal Institution: "Ancient Egypt," by Mr. E. B. Bright.

FRIDAY, Feb. 26, 8 p.m. Royal Ins

SCIENCE.

FEB. 19, 1881.-No. 459.]

Karls des Grossen Reise nach Jerusalem und Constantinopel. Hrsg. von Eduard Koschwitz. (Heilbronn: Henninger; London: Trübner.)

THIS volume (the second of a series-Altfranzösische Bibliothek—issued under the superintendence of Prof. W. Förster) completes, at least for the present, the valuable studies* on the Old-French poem of the Voyage de Charlemagne which Dr. Koschwitz began five years ago, and without the first two of which the present cannot be properly appreciated. Though the poem exists in but one MS. (Brit. Mus. Reg., 16 E. viii.)—an extremely careless copy, by a late thirteenth-century English scribe, in which many old forms are luckily preserved—there are several more or less free translations and altered later versions, of which the most important are the Old-Norse and the Welsh, to testify to its popularity. Its matter is not very agreeable to modern readers, being mainly the generally rough and coarse boasts attributed to Charlemagne and his twelve peers when enjoying the hospitality of an Eastern king, so that the poem offers the strongest contrast to the heroic Chanson de Roland; both matter and language, however, derive great interest and importance (besides the charm of difficulty inherent in the late and scanty material) from the fact that the work, which is of only 870 lines, must have been composed before the end of the eleventh century, and from the probability (as shown by Prof. G. Paris) that it was written in Paris, and is consequently the earliest extant monument of the dialect which is now literary French. The present edition is accompanied by an Introduction (revising and supplementing the editor's earlier treatises) on the versions and language of the poem and the mistakes of the MS., as well as by a full Glossary and some notes of Prof. Förster's; the MS. readings and a concordance to the Welsh and Old-Norse versions are given under the text.

Dr. Koschwitz has attempted in his critical text to restore both the words and the language of the original; and, if there is still, as he himself says, much to be done (and, we may add, something to be altered), the very serious difficulties of the task furnish ample explanation and excuse. Without going so far as to say, with Prof. Förster, that the other versions are practically of no value for reconstructing the Old-French text, it must be admitted that they rarely help; and, as the only existing MS. is so very corrupt as to be frequently unintelligible, conjectural emendation is often the sole resource. Almost all the real assistance is that afforded by the investigation of language, metre, and assonances, so to some of the editor's views on these points our criticisms will be chiefly directed; but we must first mention that Dr. Koschwitz, who formerly thought that the extant Old-French text and the Old-Welsh version were more closely related to

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one another than to the Scandinavian, now classes the two last apart from the first.

To begin at the foundation: the restored text is based on a collation by Prof. Wülcker of Michel's edition with the MS., and on a fresh facsimile copy of the MS. by Dr. Koch. On comparing their readings (which do not always agree) with our own collation of Michel's text, we find about fifty discrepancies: in the numerous cases in which their readings differ from Michel's, and our own do not, they are doubtless right, and in not a few we have marked our reading as doubtful; but several do not come under either class. Most unfortunately the MS. (a small thick octavo) has been missing at the British Museum since June last, so that recollation is for the present impracticable; we can only hope that it will be found again in course of time, otherwise French scholars will have to deplore the loss of the unique copy of a unique poem, without the consolation of possessing a photographic reproduction to take its place. Some of the differences are unimportant enough, but the two following call for notice (the initials designate the copyist or collator): v. 479 brulant M. W. K., bruiant (?) N.the editor restores bruslant, though this idea seems out of place, whereas the other suits well; and v. 567 luigne M. W., ling' K., hug' N .-- if the last is correct (and the word-Huque-fits in well), the restoration leigne, a material apparently superfluous for performing the boast, falls to the ground. Respecting the assonances, we think amist(i)ez (v. 166) ought to make the line begin the following ié stanza, instead of ending an é stanza; the word assonates twice in ie, so that the existence here of its by-form in \acute{e} is decidedly improbable. The words prei, despeit, (preco, despectum, v. 226-27) in an ordinary ei assonance (Latin i, ē) are very suspicious; not only do liz (lit), gist occur in three i stanzas, but it is very doubtful whether in any dialect that had ei, instead of i, for earlier iei, this ei represented the same sound as the other one.

As to several linguistic features of the restored text, about which we disagree with the editor, he will excuse us if, since the publication of his Ueberlieferung und Sprache in 1876, he has, like all of us, silently changed some of the views we criticise. Several of these depend largely on insufficient knowledge of pure phonetics, the physiological formation of sounds; this is especially apparent in the treatment of palatal l and n, of u, w, and v, and of nasal vowels, where, like many of his countrymen, he seems to think that all these sounds are really identical with those by which a German, learning by ear, would naturally imitate them. Thus Dr. Koschwitz spells batalie (battuālia) in the same way as palie (pallium), thinking that the now old-fashioned French palatal l (Italian gli) is a compound sound, ordinary l followed by consonantal y (German j); whereas it is a simple sound formed by placing the middle (not the point) of the tongue against the roof of the palate, and allowing, as with dental *l*, the breath to escape on each side. The difference comes out very clearly in Early Old French; those words the original vowel of whose last syllable was not a take no final e if their

consonant was simple (ail from allium, surcil from supercilium); whereas those which have common l followed by consonantal y take e, because of the difficult consonant-combination (palie, uelie from oleum). Those having a in the final syllable must be judged in the same way; thus fille (fīliam), however spelt in Early Old-French documents, always had simple palatal l, but milie (mīlia) had ordinary l followed by y. The distinction is carefully observed in the orthography of the Oxford Roland (ill, li), and is very prominent in the later language, words of the first class having palatal l (ail, sourcil, bataille, fille), while those of the second have ordinary l with (what Dr. Koschwitz says never occurs) the i attracted into the preceding syllable, and always final e (paile, huile, mille). As to u, w, and v, it is obvious that the gutturo-labial consonant w (whose difference from the gutturo-labial vowel u, as the unaccented element of a diphthong, is generally unimportant) must have preceded the denti-labial vin those words where it arises from Latin kw (qv), a guttural followed by a gutturo-labial; thus ewe (or eue, aqva), siwre (or siure, seqvere) must be older than eve, sivre. That the latter word had not v in Early Old French is shown by its future being spelt siwrai or siurai, not siuerai, in Anglo-French MSS., by English having sue, not sive, and by its not rhyming on the numerous and common Old-French words in -ivre. Ewe can never have had v in ordinary French (the v of évier is late, and due to the hiatus); the form came out of aigue, and went into èaue (Picard iaue, as biaus from beaus), the a developing after the \hat{e} and before the w (u), just as it did after \hat{e} and before l changing into u (beaus from bels, bellos). We do not understand how Prof. Förster ean maintain (in his notes) that the vowel in eve (as he prints it) was the same as in feve from faba; he has overlooked that a before a guttural becomes ai, not e, that the word never assonates on e = Latin a, and that the subsequent development of the two words is altogether different. English, which always has éé (close) for French e from Latin a, when the French accent has not been shifted in English, and èè (open) for French e from older ai, confirms this, the Early Modern-English spelling eawer for ewer (ewiere, aqvāriam) showing clearly that Middle English, and consequently Old French, had èè, not éé, in this word. The exceptionally early change of ai to è in ewe is probably due to the difficulty of pronouncing èiwe (èiue), the general change of ai to èi having taken place soon after the g of aigue was vocalised; those dialects that keep the g keep the diphthong as long as in other words. In connexion with this, it is not unimportant to remark that (contrary to Dr. Koschwitz's opinion) ai and ei before nasals did not become simple e (they never were a), whether nasalised or not, either in Norman or Parisian, till centuries after the period in question; they always appear in this situation as the diphthong ei (ai) in Middle English, and even in sixteenth-century French, as abundantly shown by the grammarians, their sound was the diphthong èi.

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^{*} Ueber die Chanson du Voyage de Charlemagne (in Romanische Studien, vol. ii., part i.); Ueberlieferung und Sprache der Chanson du Voyage de Charlemagne; Sechs Bearbeitungen des altfranzösischen Gedichts von Karls des Grossen Reise (see ACADEMY, vol. xv., p. 222, col. 1).

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aduber cannot be from "Anglo-Saxon" dubban, as this word was imported (with the ceremony) from French into English after the Conquest (first instance, A.D. 1086).

In conclusion, we would only say that our remarks on this valuable and suggestive little work are by no means intended to depreciate it, but to show what a number of difficult and interesting questions it raises, and to aid in solving one or two of them. All Old-French scholars will hope that, in now leaving his task in the hands of Prof. G. Paris, Dr. Koschwitz is far from finally abandoning a subject which he has done so much to elucidate.

OBITUARY.

DR. John Jeremiah Bigsby, F.R.S., a well-known writer on palaeozoic fossils, has passed away at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The greater part of his life was spent in Canada and in the United States, and his writings on American geology date back to 1820, when he contributed a paper to Silliman's Journal. Dr. Bigsby's best-known works are his Thesaurus Siluricus, which appeared in 1868, and his Thesaurus Devonico-Carboniferus, published ten years later. The "Bigsby Medal," which he presented to the Geological Society of London a few years ago, was awarded at the anniversary meeting on Friday, the 18th inst., to the French geologist, M. Charles Barrois.

CURRENT SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE.

Kant's Critique of Practical Reason and other Works on the Theory of Ethics, translated by T. K. Abbott, M.A., Fellow and Tutor of Trinity College, Dublin (Longmans), is a new and enlarged edition of a previous translation by the same hand. The other works contained in the volume are the Foundation of the Metaphysic of Ethic and the first part of Religion within the Limits of Mere Reason. Everyone can see the great convenience of having thus brought together the treatises which expound the main principles and bearings of the Kantian moral system. The translation is a piece of good work, which gives in readable English a fair rendering of the original ideas. In one point, indeed, it is better than the original. For in his translation Mr. Abbott has corrected the many clerical errors which here, as elsewhere, trouble the reader of Kant's works in the German editions. When we further state that the book has a second pagination referring to Rosenkranz's text, and that it is introduced by a memoir in which Kant's physical investigations are specially noticed and some criticisms offered on his ethical theory, we have given an outline of the contents of a very useful book, and one far above the customary quality of translators' work.

The appearance of a sixth edition of Prof. Veitch's translation of the principal works of Descartes on general philosophy bears pleasing evidence of the interest taken in the great Frenchman, and affords the best proof of the value of the translator's work. This new edition differs from its predecessors chiefly in the greater extension given to the introductory essay and the new topics there discussed. After a brief reference to the antecedents of Cartesianism, we have an exposition and a defence of its fundamental principle, followed by some examination of Malebranche and Spinoza. In this examination, where Prof. Veitch seems largely, though without any distinct statement, to track the steps of his colleague, Prof. Caird, in the article "Cartesianism" of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Malebranche

and Spinoza are submitted to the process of a reductio ad absurdum. "Spinoza," it is said, "developed Descartes by amending the formula cogito ergo sum into cogito ergo non sum." Spinoza, indeed, is treated not in himself, but as a type of a class of thinkers opposed to a "psychological school" of which Prof. Veitch constitutes himself the champion. The system of these thinkers is described as subversive of personality, freedom, and morality—"their methods and language" are said to "have neither co-herency nor intelligibility;" "their demonstrations are the grossest form of petitory assump-tion," and "they take refuge in mere assumptive verbalism." Their coryphaeus in later days has been Hegel. On Hegel's logic Prof. Veitch discourses at some length in a tone which may be inferred when we quote his description (obiter dictum) of the Philosophy of Nature and of Spirit as "mere manipulations of a harlequin logic." There is undoubtedly a great deal to be said against Hegelianism in general and in its details; but probably language like this is not the best evidence of the critical temper, and even the alleged arrogance of the Hegelians can scarcely excuse the Some of them, too, may protest against the magisterial decision that Strauss and Feuerbach are the true consequent Hegelians." It is not quite safe to judge philosophies by their fruits, real or pretended; nor is it the highest method of criticism, though perhaps it proves some rhetorical ingenuity, to confute a theory or proposition by showing that, in the sense in which the critic understands it, it leads to contradiction and absurdity.

Mr. Richard Lowndes, the author of René Descartes: his Life and Meditations—a New Translation of the "Meditationes," with Introduction, Memoir, and Commentary (F. Norgate), must have been misinformed when he learned that the Scotch translation of Descartes was a scarce book. His somewhat literal translation of the Meditations is flanked on one hand by a lengthy Introduction, mostly borrowed from Kuno Fischer's History of Modern Philosophy, and by an epilogue on the other. The Introduction contains a full and interesting biography of Descartes; and the concluding commentary traces out, under the various heads of logic, psychology, theology, and nature-philosophy, the main conclusions suggested or established by the Cartesian method of enquiry. Mr. Lowndes has read Descartes under the influence of Kant and of German philosophy; and, by his emphasis on the bearings of Cartesianism in that direction, he may probably have brought English readers to notice points they would otherwise neglect. There is much various and interesting material for thought in his book.

The Metaphysics of the School. By Thomas Harper, S.J. (Macmillan.) This book, the author informs us, is the first volume of a work on metaphysics which proposes to present itself to the world under the form of four portly volumes! Its object is to induce the public to concern itself with scholastic teaching. With this end in view, we have offered to us in the first volume an Introduction, consisting of eighty pages of type not too large, in which the author attempts to collect the charges ordinarily brought against scholasticism, and, while professing to refute them, to prejudice the reader in its favour; and, in addition to this Introduction, five hundred and seventy pages of exposition of the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas. The subjects discussed in the present volume are the definition of Metaphysics, Being, the transcendental attributes of Being. We congratulate the author on his courage. It is an enterprise of some magnitude to attempt to interest the public, or even that narrower public "our English students and men of letters," in metaphysics at all; but to go forth cheerfully

to try and interest them in scholastic meta-physics, and above all in four portly volumes of scholastic metaphysics—this affords one of those spectacles in which the gods are said to rejoice. We must excuse ourselves, while this work is incomplete, from saying anything of the general plan on which it is constructed. Nor shall we dwell long on the Preface, in which the author attempts to dispose of the objections to scholasticism which for some centuries past have prevailed against it. Securus judicat orbis terarrum. Father Harper would have the verdict against scholasticism reconsidered. In order to this, he collects many of these objections—such, e.g., as that the scholastics adopted a barbarous terminology, that their style was not classical, that their diction was dry and poor. And again, in point of matter, that they converse in questions of matters incomprehensible, that they were wont to dispute, with extremest stretching of the brain, about questions . . . commendable neither by reason of their utility nor of their certitude; that scholasticism carried on its countless philosophical skirmishes with the help of worthless mental abstractions, and the like. These charges Father Harper treats sometimes directly, sometimes after manipulation, and sometimes by mere blank denial. About the main charge against the schoolmen-viz., the habit they show of being more anxious to draw conclusions from premisses than to acquire valuable premisses, and of being, therefore, willing to take many matters on general authority where the general voice is valueless not regarding it as a charge, but as a merit, he naturally says very little. Little as he says, however, he cannot keep wholly out of sight the old antagonism between the principle of authority and its adversary, the principle of private judgment. Father Harper does not shrink from the expression of a conviction "that the metaphysics of the school does incline the mind towards a belief in the Catholic creed.' That may well be; but does he not herein discern an objection to scholasticism in the judgment of the general world more adequate to account for the death which has overtaken it than any or all of those which he has deigned It is the modern spirit which has proved fatal to scholasticism, not technical objections merely, such as those which Father Harper has enumerated in his Introduction.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

CAPT. F. M. HUNTER, Assistant Political Resident at Aden, has just published at Bombay (Byculla: Education Society's Press) A Grammar of the Somali Language. He has also added a short historical notice and some exercises for beginners, together with vocaburing

MR. FRED. JEPPE, of Pretoria, has this year resumed the publication (Maritzburg: Davis and Sons) of the *Transvaal Book Almanac and Directory*. The volume includes an historical sketch of the Transvaal, and other matter which at the present moment will be found to possess much interest.

AFTER a silence of several months, Capt. Gallieni has at length been able to communicate with the French authorities on the West Coast of Africa. The last that was heard of his expedition was the attack made upon it in the Bambarra country in May, and a good deal of anxiety has since been felt at the continued absence of news. Capt. Gallieni's letter is dated October 25, but only reached Medina, on the Upper Senegal, at the end of December. He was then in safety at Nango, a village a few miles from Segou-Sikoro, where he had been for some time carrying on negotiations with the Sultan, Ahmadu, who appears at last to have been induced to permit the French to trade

up the Niger to his town. Capt. Gallieni does not speak very positively respecting the return of the expedition, but hopes to be allowed to leave Ahmadu's territory in about two months' time.

On March 6 of last year we recorded the formation of the first European settlement on the western shore of Lake Tanganyika by the agents of the London Missionary Society. The place chosen was in Uguha, near the native village of Mtowa and to the north of the Lukuga Creek, which had so long been a bone of contention to geographers. Until quite lately nothing had been heard of the missionaries, except from the mention made by Mr. Thomson of his visit to Mtowa on his way to Ujiji, but some of the fruits of their observations have now come to hand in an interesting report on Uguha and its people. In this Mr. Hutley gives us some information regarding the Waguha and their probable origin, their mode of government, houses, recreations, manners and customs, social intercourse, practices in regard to marriage, death, and burial, &c. Though polygamy is said to be almost universal, especially among the chiefs, it would seem that the ordinary Waguha usually content themselves with bigamy. Their modes of salu-tation are peculiar, and regulated by strict etiquette; but the oddest customs seem to be those which regulate the feeding of a chief. He has his water fetched in a special jar by one of his wives, each taking her turn, and silence is maintained until the solemn operation of water-carrying and cooking has been performed and the great man has had his me solitary grandeur in the wife's house. When he has finished, he graciously calls to his wife, who has been standing mute outside, to clear away his dinner-mat!

THERE appears to be some probability of an expedition being sent to search for the remains of the long-lost Leichhardt expedition in the interior of Australia. A handsome reward has been offered; and, if it has no other result, it will bring about a thorough exploration of a wide and unknown tract of country.

SCIENCE NOTES.

Relies of the Primitive Inhabitants of Pennsylvania.—At the base of a cliff of Potsdam sandstone on the River Susquehanna, near the iron-making village of Chickis, there is a vaulted recess, or rock-shelter, which had long been tenanted by the old stone-implement workers of the country. Mr. S. Haldeman, having resided in the neighbourhood for forty years, explored the retreat, and has contributed a description of the objects which he thus obtained to the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society. The exploration yielded a large number of stone arrow-heads, knives, scrapers, borers, and hammer-stones, with about three hundred fragments of pottery. The more notable specimens are figured in a series of fourteen quarto plates accompanying the paper.

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THE Council of the Royal Astronomical Society have awarded their gold medal to Prof. Axel Moeller, of Lund, for his careful investigations of the motion of Faye's periodical comet; and, at the annual meeting on the 11th inst., the President, Mr. Hind, explained the reasons of the Council's decision. The comet, which was first discovered in November 1843, has since returned five times to perihelion; and Prof. Moeller has proved, by the accuracy of his predictions, how successfully he has traced the path of the comet by his very careful calculations.

DURING the next week the three planets Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn will be seen in the evening sky near one another under exceptionally favourable circumstances. The nearest

distance at which Venus passes Jupiter on February 19 will be nearly three degrees, and the nearest distance at which she passes Saturn on February 27 nearly five degrees, so that the conjunctions between the planets will be by no means close. But the circumstance that these conjunctions occur while Venus is near her greatest elongation from the sun, and that even at the end of twilight the planets have still considerable altitudes above the horizon, renders their present aspect very remarkable. Indeed, it is not known at present how many centuries have elapsed since the three planets were seen together so conspicuously. On the evening of March 3 the moon will join the three planets, and the four bodies will form a constellation the like of which even the youngest child will get no chance of seeing again.

PHILOLOGY NOTES.

PROF. EMIL HÜBNER has published a second edition of his Grundriss zu Vorlesungen über die Lateinische Grammatik. This useful little book, which corresponds in character to the similar manuals published by the author on the history of Roman literature and the history of classical philology, should be in the hands of all scholars who wish for a clear view of the whole field of Latin grammar and the most important works written upon the subject.

In the last number of the Journal of Philology (vol. ix., No. 18) A. W. Verrall supplements his essay on the supposed word τοπή by a second on the date of Korax and Tisias, intended to support his view of their relation to Pindar. D. B. Monro, in a paper on "Traces of Different Dialects in the Language of Homer," criticises the statements of Prof. Sayce on the Homeric question. I. Bywater discusses a fragment of Heraclitus preserved by Albertus Magnus. The publication of the late W. G. Clark's notes on Aristophanes is continued. R. Ellis ("On the Anthologia Latina") gives an account of a Reims MS. (743 or 739) of the fourteenth century, containing, among other things, a Latin poem, now published in the Latin anthology (Meyer, 262; Riese, 897). Ellis gives the variants of the Reims MS., which are considerable in number, in this piece and in some others, and prints from it some hitherto unpublished poems. He also discusses the date of a poem on Quinterius (1582 in Meyer), which, though rejected by Riese, he inclines to think may, after all, be ancient. Ellis and F. P. Simpson have also notes on Propertius. Notes on Catullus, Horace, and Lucilius are contributed by H. A. J. Munro. J. P. Postgate discusses the genuineness of Tibullus iv. 13. H. F. Pelham contributes an essay on the Roman curiue, and T. H. Dyer writes on the treaty between Rome and Carthage in the First Consulate.

THE Revue de Philologie (vol. iv., livr. 4) contains an interesting account by Léon Fontaine of two Montpellier MSS. (ninth and eleventh centuries), containing the moral distiches of Cato, the first of which (C) appears to contain some important variants. M. Fontaine argues from internal evidence that this MS. was derived from the same original as those lettered E, Y, and S by Hauthal. Notes on lettered E, Y, and S by Hauthal. Notes on points of grammar are contributed by O. Riemann, on Appian (ii. 82) by Ch. G., and on Varro (L. L. 7, 3) by Havet. The "Revue des Revues" gives an account of the philological papers published in 1879 in Great Britain, Greece, Italy, the Low Countries, Russia, Sweden and Norway, and Switzerland.

In the Archaeologisch-epigraphische Mittheilungen aus Oesterreich (vol. iv., part ii.) E. Petersen gives the first instalment of an elaborate essay on the various representatives of the three-formed Hekaté. Torma publishes some

new Latin inscriptions from Dacia, with notes on others previously printed in the third volume of the *Corpus Inscriptionum*. Böhm gives an account of antiquities found along the Danube from Pancsova to Orsova, and Hoemes of similar discoveries made in Bosnia and the Herzegovina, and Domaszewski of an anti-quarian tour in Carinthia.

THE Zeitschrift für die Oesterreichischen Gymnasien (1880, part ii.) contains notes on Martial by Flach, and contributions by Rönsch on the Latin glosses. In the following number Morawski has notes on the declamations attributed to Quintilian, Ludwich on the Greek anthology, and Schenkl on Ausonius.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES.

Society of Antiquaries .- (Thursday, Feb. 10.)

HENRY REEVE, Esq., C.B., in the Chair.—Miss Stokes contributed a paper, which was read by the Director, on two fragments of gold-coloured bronze in the Petrie Museum, Dublin. The objects are thin disks, covered with a delicate pattern worked in spiral lines; to one of the disks a conical spike is attached, and the other evidently once had a similar appendage. It has been suggested that these were the horns of a helmet, but the thinness of the metal rendered it improbable that they were warlike decorations. The theory which Miss Stokes put forward was that they were portions of a radiated crown of seven spikes rising from a chaplet of disks, and she exhibited a restoration of the whole crown, and many drawings of similar examples—among others, a figure from the first painted chamber in the catacomb of Praetextatus in the Appian Way; a figure of a "Hora" from the marriage of Peleus and Thetis, from the Vatican Library; the Apollo found by Dr. Schliemann in Ilium Novum; and many coins of Roman emperors and others. The radiated crown was assumed by emperors when arrogating divinity; and for that reason probably, and not as a physical torture, a crown of thorns was placed on the brow of our Lord by the Roman soldiers. The spiral pattern which ornaments the disks is found in Ireland as late as the third century A.D. both on stone monu-ments and on bone knife-handles.—Mr. Franks said that he was not quite able to accept Miss Stokes' theory, but had no better to propose. The objects were not stamped, as Miss Stokes thought, but cast. The spiral patterns were pre Christian, and similar to pre-Roman ornament found in England. After Christianity was introduced into Ireland, the spirals were supplanted by the interlaced pattern.

FOLK-LORE SOCIETY .- (Friday, Feb. 11.)

W. R. S. RALSTON, ESQ, V.-P., in the Chair.—The Honorary Secretary read a paper by the Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma on "Slavonic Folk-Lore," which chiefly dealt with the parallel between Cornu-British and Slavonic folk-lore.—Mr. Alfred Nutt read a paper on "The Aryan Expulsion and Return Formula in Celtic Folk-Tales and Heldensage." J. G. von Hahn gave the title of "expulsion and return formula" to a widely spread story, the best examples of which are presented in the the best examples of which are presented in the mythical adventures of Romulus, Theseus, and Cyrus. He found traces of the formula among every Aryan people but the Celts. Mr. Alfred Nutt showed that the Celtic races had preserved the formula with greater fullness of incident than any other Aryan race. He proved its existence among the Gael in connexion with the two great heroic cycles—that of Cúchulaind and that of Finn and Oisin—and showed that it was still current in the Highlands as a folk-tale. He found fewer traces of the formula among the Kymry. He pointed out, in conclusion, the advantage likely to accrue to comparative mythology from a fuller study of the Celtic mythic tales.

FINE ART.

MR. WHISTLER'S PASTELS.

MR. WHISTLER'S exhibition of a couple of score of pastels, which are now on view at the rooms of the Fine Art Society, shows him, perhaps, to greater advantage than has any previous exhibition of his engaging and expressive, if sometimes wayward, art. Of the etchings displayed several weeks ago, some were, as was said at the time in this very journal, distinctly disappointing; others were most agreeable reminiscences of a Venetian mingling of glory and squalor. The pastels, if unequal, are unequal within much narrower limits. Here and there they may be inexpressive; here and there the gold has not been hit; but the arrow has not fallen absurdly wide of it. There are, it is true, two or three nocturnes scarcely better than the oil sketches-the agreeable if insufficient beginnings—familiar under the name of "nocturnes" to the visitor to the Grosvenor Gallery. But feeble and immature performances are quite the exceptions; generally the state of the state performances are quite the exceptions; generally the pastels achieve most thoroughly the success that is proper to them. Here and there the artist, selecting this uncommon medium, has grappled with difficulties which another medium would not have presented; now and again he has courted difficulties in a courted difficulties in the selection of the property of them. order that his skill might overcome them. Such tours de force are interesting, even when they are not legitimate. But, still more fre-quently, the effect beautifully obtained has been an effect which could hardly have been obtained in any other medium, and Mr. Whistler has obtained it with extraordinary command of a brilliant sketcher's skill. The knowledge of what to select, of what to reject, and then of what to select, of what to reject, and then of what to express with especial summariness of treatment has seldom been shown so com-pletely. In his best work here Mr. Whistler has been quite unerring; there is unity in it from beginning to end; the conception was clearly formed, and it has been executed deftly

and with uniformity of excellence.

Nor would it be doing quite justice to these fascinating pastels to speak of them as the record of rapid impressions. Venetian nature and Venetian art have really been looked at very closely, as well as with an artist's eye, before so many of their essential characteristics came to be recorded in this swift but penetrating way. It ought not to be necessary to say that the most laborious record of the most deliberate impression would not have achieved this par-ticular success on which Mr. Whistler is now to be congratulated; that, in truth, two qualities, or two sets of qualities, have been of necessity found together-the power to see most sensitively and to record most summarily. Such a combination 'affords, on its rare appearance, one of the keenest pleasures to be met with by the visitor to picture galleries-a subject has been understood and appreciated to the bottom, and then it has been rendered by such an exercise of skill as is in itself a highly interest-

ing feat.
The artist's intelligence of his subject, and his extreme agility in conveying to us the impression it made on him, being the points for which the present show of pastels is remarkable, we need hardly go so far into detail as to pretend select all the good examples of his skill. The best examples unite a quite Japanese mastery of the art of rightly disposing the masses of shade and of hue with a sense of full rich colour certainly not derived from the art of Japan, and almost new to us in Mr. Whistler's work. That Mr. Whistler could be a refined colourist, we did know before; but hardly that, while keeping his refinement, he could be also so forcible a one. Nobler colour than that evident in The Red Doorway has never been attained by such unambitious means and such pretty.

speedy labour. And, abundant and glowing as the colour is, it is likewise most subtle. The Riva, Sunset, Red and Gold, is one of the most successful examples of a power to reject everything that is superfluous, to select everything that is entirely necessary. Not even in the slightest of the etchings of Rembrandt or the hastiest sketches of David Cox was art more abstract and summary—the scanty lines or the swift blots more significant. A few touches of the pastel in various colours, and somehow the sky is aglow and the water dancing. The thing has been wrought as it were by pure magic. It would, under any circumstances, be agreeable to record the appearance of such brilliant and such learned little designs as these. Perhaps it is especially agreeable to those on whom, some two years ago, there lay the necessity of plainly distinguishing between the excellent work Mr. Whistler had aforetime per-formed and the affected labours on which he then seemed bent. They have the pleasure of seeing the fulfilment of the hopes then expressed that so adroit and flexible an artist would not remain too obstinately faithful to eccentric error. A reputation first won by original merit, then for a time im-perilled by original absurdity, has been now established and confirmed by the beautiful and pregnant designs which charm some of us by the learning, and all of us by the vivacity, of their art. FREDERICK WEDMORE.

MESSRS. AGNEW'S EXHIBITION. IT is not likely that Messrs. Agnew's beautiful new galleries in Old Bond Street will soon again contain such a fine collection of English water-colours as is at present on view there. The Turners alone are well worth a visit. Of this master's early style there is a nice little brown drawing of A Waterfall; of his Yorkshire series there are Hardraw Fall, Aysgarth Force, and High Force, Fall of Tees. The Ayswater-colours as is at present on view there. Force, and High Force, Fall of Tees. The Ays-garth has faded and lost in tone; the others have faded also, but with such unanimity that it is doubtful if they were ever more beautiful than they are now, with their softly glowing ambers and greeny blues; the *Hardraw* is especially lovely. Nor are examples of his later style wanting. There is a large drawing of *Hastings Beach*, interesting from its having been presented by Turner to his physician, Sir Antony Carlyle, instead of a fee; the Arundel Castle and Town of the "England and Wales" series; a beautiful but unfinished water-colour of Rotterdam; and two wonderful drawings in body colour on tinted paper like those of the "Rivers of France," which it will be worth while to compare with Mr. Whistler's pastels a few doors off. For those who prefer the homelier ext of Devid Company of the company of Devid Company of De those who prefer the homelier art of David Cox, there are some charming little works very representative and choice. Nor are the seniors of these two great artists unrepresented. Of J. Varley and G. Barrett there are good examples; indeed, we have seldom seen a better specimen of the latter's quieter colouring than the Classical Landscape on the second screen. Of other deceased English water-colourists Or other deceased English water-colourists Copley Fielding is the best represented. The Landscape and Covs (80) is unusually fine in colour and poetical in feeling—praise which may be repeated in respect of the Lake Scene (32). The Arundel (a very different Arundel from that of Turner) and some other smaller examples are all delightful specimens of his refined and gentle an dengitudi specimens of his refined and gentle brush. By Prout there are but two, but one of these, Albert Dürer's Well at Nuremberg, is a masterpiece in its way. The examples of Turner's clever imitator, Pyne, are good and interesting as links between Turner and the "sweetly pretty" chromo-lithographic school which is now disappearing before the force of a which is now disappearing before the force of a reaction towards realism often neither sweet nor

These epithets, or others equally desirable, can, however, be applied to nearly all the very tastefully selected drawings here. Those who admire the graceful art of Birket Foster will find a very choice little collection of his drawings on the second screen, one side of which is almost entirely occupied by them. On the other there are some wonderful drawings of birds by H. S. Marks, decorative in character, but full of humour-the humour of birds, not of menbeautiful in colour and perfect in manipulation. Here also is a sweet little landscape by Mrs. Allingham, one of the late W. Hunt's miracles of minute imitation, and a vigorous drawing by the late C. R. Leslie of a scene from Henry IV. The vigour and humour seem, however, to be somewhat overdone, and the result more like a pantomime than Shakspere.

Perhaps the most interesting of the figure drawings here is the Don Juan of Ford Madox-Brown, rich and iridescent in colour as a sea-shell, admirably apt in choice of type for the figures, and fine in grouping and expression. It is a true illustration of the purer side of Byron's imagination—the dream without the after-thought, the poetry without the cynicism. atter-thought, the poetry without the cynicism. It is only a true poet-artist that could thus refine the much-alloyed gold of Byron's Don Juan—a work which is really a satire on all poetry. Interesting also, mostly for the rarity of his water-colour work, is Millais' very brilliant little replica of his Black Brunswicker (205). Above it hangs a Head of a Child, by F. Walker.

Though almost entirely confined to English work, the exhibition contains some water-colours by foreign artists, the most important of which is Edouard Detaille's very accomplished drawing of the Scots Guards returning from Exercise in Hyde Park. There are also some pretty tinted drawings of children by Edouard Frère, a fine study by Fortuny, and others which we must leave the reader to discover for himself together with many fine landscapes by living Englishmen which we have omitted. Mr. Keeley-Halswelle, whose well-known skill as a figure-painter and colourist is worthily shown in A Member of the Conclave (94), seems to be striking out a very original and strong line for himself as a landscape painter.

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Cosmo Monkhouse.

NOTES ON ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY. WE hear that H.R.H. the Marchioness of Lorne has completed a water-colour sketch of Mr. William Lee, the here of the novel, A Sailor's Sweetheart, lashed, as he represents himself, in the top of the water-logged brig in the South Pacific.

THE exhibition of mezzotints which will soon open at the Burlington Fine Arts Club will, we understand, include examples by nearly all the great masters of that method of engraving, from the date of its invention, early in the seventeenth century, to a period of only about forty years ago, when David Lucas executed the more famous of his wonderful reproductions of Constable.

MESSRS. GEORGE WATERSTON AND SONS have now in the press a reproduction of the collection of water-colour drawings of ancient Scottish weapons, ornaments, &c., made by the late James Drummond, R.S.A. At Mr. Drummond's death the collection was acquired by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland for their library; and the present volume will have an Introduction, with a series of notices of the several plates, by Mr. Joseph Anderson, cus-todier of the National Museum of that society. The work will consist of upwards of fifty plates, illustrating, with details, more than 240 objects. It will be issued in folio size, and it is hoped that it may be ready for subscribers within about six months.

THE Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies will hold a meeting at 22 Albemarle Street, on Thursday, February 24, at five p.m., when papers will be read on the Olympian Register, by Prof. Mahaffy; on the Pentathlon, by E. Myers; on an Inscription from Halicarnassus, by Rev. E. L. Hicks; on the Site of Dodona, by the Bishop of Lincoln; and on the Erectheum, by James Fergusson.

MR. PFOUNDES wishes us to state that a paper on "Japanese Art, Literature, and the Legends, Poems, &c., depicted on Ancient and Modern Art Work" will be read and discussed, and a large number of illustrations exhibited and explained, at No. 1, Cleveland Row, St. James's, at an early date. Admission only by invitation.

The annual exhibition of the Royal Scottish Academy opens to the public to-day. The total number of pictures, &c., submitted was nearly three thousand, out of which room has been found for about 1,100. As usual, the exhibition includes some works of eminent English artists which have already been seen at Burlington House. Mr. W. F. Vallance, before an Associate, has been admitted to the rank of full Academician.

Mr. Brock is engaged upon a bust of Sir Charles Hastings, the founder of the British Medical Association, which will be placed in some suitable building in the city of Worcester.

An official report of the progress made in the German excavations at Olympia since October last appears in the Reichs-Anzeiger, February The work done has been chiefly in the nature of completing the previous excavations, and has accordingly been more of a gain to architecture than to sculpture. The floor of the Temple of Zeus has been examined, and the dimensions of the base of the great statue traced out; so also were found the place for the altar under the open roof, details of the roof tiles, and evidence that the paintings by Panaenos, usually supposed to have been executed on three sides of the throne itself, had in reality been painted on three finely faced screens built on three sides of the impluvium, the fourth side being occupied by the statue. The treasury of the Sikyonians continues to perplex the authorities. The incontinues to perplex the authorities. The inscription, they say, is not older than the beginning of the fifth century B.C. The building itself is wholly of the Doric order. But Pausanias says it was built in B.C. 644, and had two brazen chambers, the one in the Doric, the other in the Ionic order. There is no sign of brazen chambers. Much has been discovered on various sites at Olympia to illustrate the early stages of Greek architecture, more particularly the stage of transition from buildings of wood protected and decorated by terracotta to buildings of stone and marble.

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THE Pioneer (Allahabad) says that, from a recent report on the condition of the great Buddhist tope of Sar Nath, near Benares, it appears that the stupa is in too far advanced a stage of decay to permit of restoration at any reasonable cost. It has accordingly been decided to abandon the ruin to its inevitable fate, but at the same time to postpone the evil day as far as possible by removing all vegetation from its surface, and by repairing the outer casing in parts. All available details connected with the structure are to be minutely examined and carefully recorded by photography.

MUNKACSY is at present at work on a huge picture representing Christ before Pilate. This is a somewhat unusual subject for the distinguished Hungarian artist to paint; but it is said that he shows in it deep religious feeling. The subject, as might be expected, is not treated in the conventional manner, but is fraught with Munkacsy's powerful individuality. This picture is intended to be exhibited at the next Salon.

A NEW painter has lately been brought to light from out the vast number of the unknown. Dr. W. Bode, one of the conservators of the Berlin Gallery, was examining recently some pictures that had been stowed away in a lumber-room of the building, when he lighted upon one which struck him as remarkable both in style and execution. It was the portrait of Jean Cuspinianus, councillor to Maximilian I., with his wife and two children. Dr. Bode had this work cleaned, and found an inscription at the back stating the painter was named Bernard Strigel, that he was a native of Memmingen, and that he had painted with his left hand the portraits of Maximilian and his family. The portrait referred to is considered by Dr. Bode to be without doubt the fine picture now in the Belvedere at Vienna, of which the painter has hitherto been described as unknown.

An exhibition of Félix Régamey's watercolour sketches, cartoons, and drawings has
recently been held in the offices of the Vie
Moderne newspaper in the Rue Taitbout, Paris.
The artist's work is varied: there are large
cartoons, bold and effective; there are mere
sketches that seem to consist of a few daring
strokes of the pencil, and that yet are specially
graphic; there are glimpses of theatrical life in
Japan; there are accurately rendered heads of
the men, women, and children M. Régamey
chanced to notice during his visits to those faroff countries with which his pencil does its
utmost to familiarise us. The exhibition is
à propos, for Japonisme, as Charles Blanc terms
it, is at its height in France as in England.

THE Portfolio is rich in good things this month. In the first place it gives us a delightfully suggestive etching by R. Macbeth, full of pensive sentiment and grace. It is entitled *The Ferry*, and the artist is stated to be engaged on painting this subject for his Academy picture. The etching is but a slight sketch, but it conveys, as other of Mr. Macbeth's etchings have done, the whole poetry of the scene. Mr. Leo Grindon's account of Liverpool reads, it must be owned, somewhat like a guide-book description, especially when compared with Miss Julia Cartwright's pleasant history of the Certosa at Florence, which she begins with a sketch of the life of its founder, Niccolo Acciaiuoli, a very remarkable man of the fourteenth century. Prof. Church also discourses with great knowledge on "Some Italian Embroideries" or lace-work, of which illustrations are given; and a magnificent reproduction by Amand Durand of Marc Antonio's renowned engraving after Raphael of the Virgin and Child on the Clouds completes the wealth of the number.

THE Gazette des Beaux-Arts somewhat overwhelms us with its ten articles this month. Of these the most important, perhaps, at the present juncture is the first of a series by M. Marius Vachon entitled "Etudes administratives." The first deals, of course, with the Salon question—one more interesting to French than to English readers. M. Alfred Darcil gives an account of the Trésor de la Cathédrale de Reims; M. Paul Lefort continues his history of Velasquez; M. Gruyer gives some interesting particulars respecting Thomas Inghirami, the friend of Leo. X. and several other Popes, a man distinguished for his gifts of oratory and learning, of whom Raphael painted a portrait now in the Pitti Palace at Florence. This portrait, as reproduced in the Gazette, does not certainly give the idea of a man of great intellect.

A MUSEUM has just been opened at the Observatory in Paris. It is more especially intended for the display of astronomical instruments, some of which are of historical interest; but, besides these, a collection of pictures, drawings, medals, and photographs all relating to astronomy, as well as a series of portraits and

busts of great astronomers, are offered to view. Some of the portraits are said to have a real art value, being painted by the best French masters.

A SERIES of articles on the "Art and the Artistic Industries of Switzerland" is now appearing in L'Art. They are written by M. Rust, and are illustrated by a number of admirable wood-cuts from pictures by Swiss artists.

Some anxiety is felt in the Paris world of art respecting the fine collection that M. Léopold Double has left behind him, the value of which is estimated at four million francs. (£160,000). M. Double was the owner of Falconnet's famous clock, representing the Three Graces; and of the superb Fontenoy vases, manufactured at Sèvres in commemoration of the battle after which they were named. Connoisseurs declare that M. Lucien Double, the son of the old man just dead, will not sanction a sale.

THE recent bad weather in Paris has had some effect on the national galleries of the capital. The rooms devoted to the exhibition of the works of Delacroix, Delaroche, and Ingres have been much injured by the accumulation and subsequent melting of the snow; Delacroix' admirable picture representing Dante and Virgil is especially stained and damaged. Similar disasters having occurred last year, the Fine Arts authorities should have been on their guard at the beginning of the present winter.

THE STAGE.

MR. BOOTH IN LEAR.

In the least familiar of all the parts that he has played in London, Mr. Booth has obtained what is perhaps his highest success; and to the interest felt in listening to the gorgeous and pregnant diction of a tragedy too long neglected on the stage there is added the interest of one great performance, powerfully conceived, and executed with sustained excellence. Somewhat slowly has Mr. Booth been winning upon the London public. His Hamlet, though opinions differed about it, won, on the whole, hardly more than the modest triumphs of a succès d'estime. Lacking both in that charm of wistful meditation and of electrical passion which Mr. Irving, at his happiest, can bestow upon it, Hamlet in Mr. Booth's hand failed to actually fascinate, and was most thoroughly, though most politely, condemned when it was said to be "scholarly. In Richelieu, again, Mr. Booth came unavoidably to be measured with Mr. Irving. There is more of artifice than of art in the part and in the play, and Mr. Booth was hardly found to possess Mr. Irving's faculty of enlivening dead stage matter with touches half-humorous and wholly realistic. Bertuccio, in The Fool's Revenge, enabled some to compare him with Mr. Phelps, but it was with Mr. Phelps in a part which the creator of Sadler's Wells had made The resources of his art were once his own. more—and perhaps more fully than before—seen to be at Mr. Booth's command; but neither play nor part was quite of a kind to aid Mr. Booth to secure in England his proper reputation. Othello helped Mr. Booth's reputation in so far as it showed him intellectually the master of one more great character; but a seeming absence of passion told against the entire success of the performance. In Iago, everything must come from the head—nothing can even seem to come from the heart; and Mr. Booth, having studied Iago, not only with dili-gence, but with that unfailing judgment which —commonplace gift as it would seem to be—is really one of the most remarkable characteristics of a fine actor, was enabled to give complete form to a highly intellectual conception. The public interest had gradually been growing, and the next effort was eagerly waited for.

An audience must be difficult to satisfy if it is not satisfied with Lear as Mr. Booth plays A character, around the interpretation of which there are perhaps less stage traditions than accompany any other capital performance in the Shaksperian repertory, has been some-times used chiefly as affording occasion for exceptional display of the simulation of this or that quality or sentiment. On the stage, Lear has been too little looked at as a whole. Here there may be an effort to impress by mere violence of imprecation; there, by the exhibition of the horrors of mania. But Mr. Booth is far too sincere an artist to be content with successfully snatching at an occasion for par-ticular effects, and his presentation of Lear is really what it is of course quite obvious that it really what it is or course quite obvious that it is intended to be—a profound study of mental condition incident upon old age, and the long habit of authority still half retained when it should be wholly set aside. There is a remark made, albeit playfully, by the Earl of Kent, when he is asked how old he is—that he is "not so young, sir, to love a woman for singing, nor so old to dote on her for anything." It is pointed, of course, at the affections of Lear, which are at once exaggerated and exacting—the affections of the very old. These Mr. Booth contrives to display, and, better than to display, to suggest. And just as forcibly he indicates the life-long love of authority—the strength of self-will retained when strength of mind is long gone— the general irritability which finds vent in prompt rage over trifling occasions, the rapid change of mood, the sensitiveness of a nature

too much bared to all the blows that fall.

It is not by a few subtle and thoughtful touches-it is by a long succession of themthat Lear is thus depicted for us by Mr. Booth From the first, Lear is seen to be without the sense of the due relations of things, and insanity has been defined as consisting in just this absence of a sense of proportion. As Mr. Booth shows us, it may be his accumulated griefs that lead Lear's insanity to become active to break into visible mania; but it has been passively existing from the beginning. Of all the subtle touches that show first what Lear has gone through, and then what he has become, it is impossible to take account in a brief notice. Indeed, something of the sense of packed and crowded matter which one has in reading or in any way following the text of this tragedy, in which Shakspere expressed what had become most mature in his thought and his experience, one cannot help also having as one witnesses this most pregnant performance of the American actor. But to indicate here only one or two of the touches will imply the existence of many, and may set the playgoer to a closeness of observation without which Mr. Booth's best art-which is rarely displayed in the passages seemingly most effective—will appear of little utility. Only a very keen insight into the ways of the insane could have led Mr. Booth to his admirable exhibition of the absence of self-consciousness displayed by Lear in the storm. The thought is entirely a kindly one for the Fool's exposure; Lear is unconscious of his own, and wraps his cloak round the Fool, who has no "greater malady" to render him dull to "the lesser"—dull to "this contentious storm." Another touch of admirably sympathetic invention is that in the second act, when the Fool is talking glibly and Lear generally listening, but, as Mr. Booth makes clear, in truth deeply pre-occupied—seeing very soon, and sooner than the text indicates, the mistake he has committed in Cordelia's banishment. A rare command of refined facial expression is needed to suggest a track of thought so remote from the present matter. Mr. Booth has such command, and it is constantly and fruitfully exercised. Altogether, his performance of Lear is an illumination of the Shaksperian text.

If criticism be an intellectual light thrown on the subject, Mr. Booth is a Shaksperian critic a practical critic of the art of Shakspere.

STAGE NOTES.

THE performance of Macbeth, now given again at Sadler's Wells, is one with which London audiences are fairly familiar, except as regards the acting of the "title character" by Mr. Charles Warner. Mrs. Crowe's vigorous and thoughtful performance of Lady Macbeth has been seen many times. On the whole, we believe it has gained by the additional experience of the actress. Mr. Vezin plays Macduff, and there could not easily be found a better performance of the part than that which he gives. The Macbeth of Mr. Warner, if it may not be reckoned quite equal to his Othello, is a highly creditable study—his Othello we considered almost the best that had been seen on the contemporary stage. A revival of Hamlet, with Mr. Vezin in the great part, is promised as almost immediately forthcoming.

At the Royalty Theatre the burlesque is now preceded by a little drama of "real life" by Mr. Wallis Mackay, in which the author has been more fortunate in his choice of dialogue than in his choice of story. The "real life" is not always of the most savoury, and now and again its truth is of the kind that is stranger than fiction. The writer is capable of better work. He has put many good things into the mouth of a certain lawyer, characteristically played by Mr. Righton, one of the best of our character-actors. Miss Kate Lawler represents the heroine with more of vigour than of ease. Generally, we are inclined to think that the piece suffers somewhat by the method of its interpretation.

Accounts from Paris inform us of the success of a new comic opera by Lecocq, called Janot, the words of which are by Meilhac and Halévy. It is said that the libretto is as amusing as if it were by Scribe. Probably it is really much more amusing than anything that Scribe ever wrote. The scene is laid in the time of Charles the Tenth. The costumes, which are arranged with scrupulous care, afford occasion for quite a novel display. Mdlle. Jeanne Granier plays the hero in a series of masculine dresses; and though there are those who find with respect to her that she is a good deal less refined—not to say more vulgar—than when she made her first bow to the public of Paris, there is, it seems, in the present opera little occasion for anything that is not graceful. Mdme. Desclauzas, who is really a very witty actress—a stout but piquante matron, essentially Parisian—assists in the performance.

MUSIC.

RECENT CONCERTS, ETC.

SCHUBERT'S symphony No. 2 in B flat (MS.) was performed at the Crystal Palace last Saturday, where it was produced, "probably for the very first time since its birth," on October 20, 1877. It was written in 1815, the most prolific year of the composer's life. The symphony is chiefly of historical interest. It shows that Schubert was a diligent student of Haydn and Mozart, and that he was no stranger to Beethoven's works; but there is nothing in it which foreshadows his later style, or that is even equal in interest to the andante of the first symphony. The work is scored for an ordinary orchestra, and contains the usual four movements. Herr Ignatz Brüll played his first concerto for pianoforte and orchestra. In 1878 he gave us his second composition of this class, and it did not lead us to expect anything interesting or acceptable in an earlier work. The first concerto is dull, tedious, and common-

place; in fact, we could perceive nothing to render it worthy of a place in a Crystal Palace programme. The concert concluded with the ballet music from Rubenstein's Nero. Mr. Herbert Reeves was the vocalist.

A sonata in B flat for piano and violoncello

(op. 3) by J. Röntgen was performed for the first time at the last Monday Popular Concert by Mdlle. Krebs and Signor Piatti. The composer, only twenty-three years old, is at present a professor at the Amsterdam Musikschule. Among his works are quartets, sonatas, and other pieces. The sonata, containing three movements— allegro, andante, and finale—is written in the style of the Haydn-Mozart period. The various themes are certainly lacking in originality, those of the first two movements especially being very Mendelssohnian in char-acter. Yet the work possesses many admirable qualities, and there is really nothing to object to either in the form, or mode of treatment, for the writing throughout is pleasing, clear, and unpretentious. As the composer is quite young, we may reasonably expect from him works of greater power and individuality; if he only has the ideas, he knows thoroughly well how to express them. The work was played to per-fection by the above-named artists. We would also mention an excellent performance of Beethoven's quartet in C minor (op. 18, No. 4), led by Herr Jean Becker. Mdlle. Krebs played in her best style three sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti. The concert concluded with Spohr's trio in E minor (op. 119), played by Mdlle. Krebs, Herr Becker, and Signor Piatti. The programme-book mentions this trio as the first programme-book mentions this trio as the first of three written by Spohr for that combination of instruments. He, however, composed five. Besides the three spoken of, he wrote one in B flat (op. 133) and one in G minor (op. 142). The 143rd anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians was held on the 10th inst. at St. James's Hall. The Duke of Connaught presided, and Prince Leopold was also present. The Duke in his speech made special mention

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On the same evening Mr. Harward Turner gave the first of a series of three concerts at the Beethoven Rooms. We shall hope to have another opportunity of noticing the first piece in the programme—viz., Dr. Macfarren's quartet (MS.), No. 6, in G, which was performed by Messrs. Holmes, Gibson, Burnett, and Howell.

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